

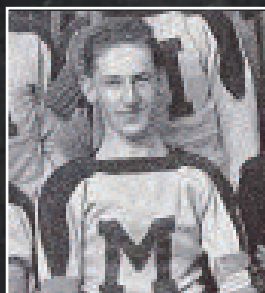
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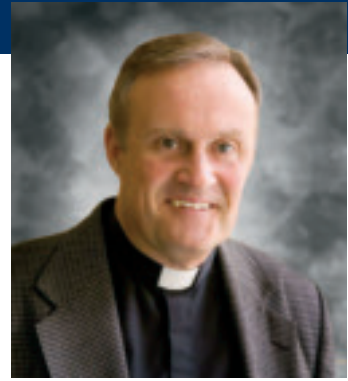
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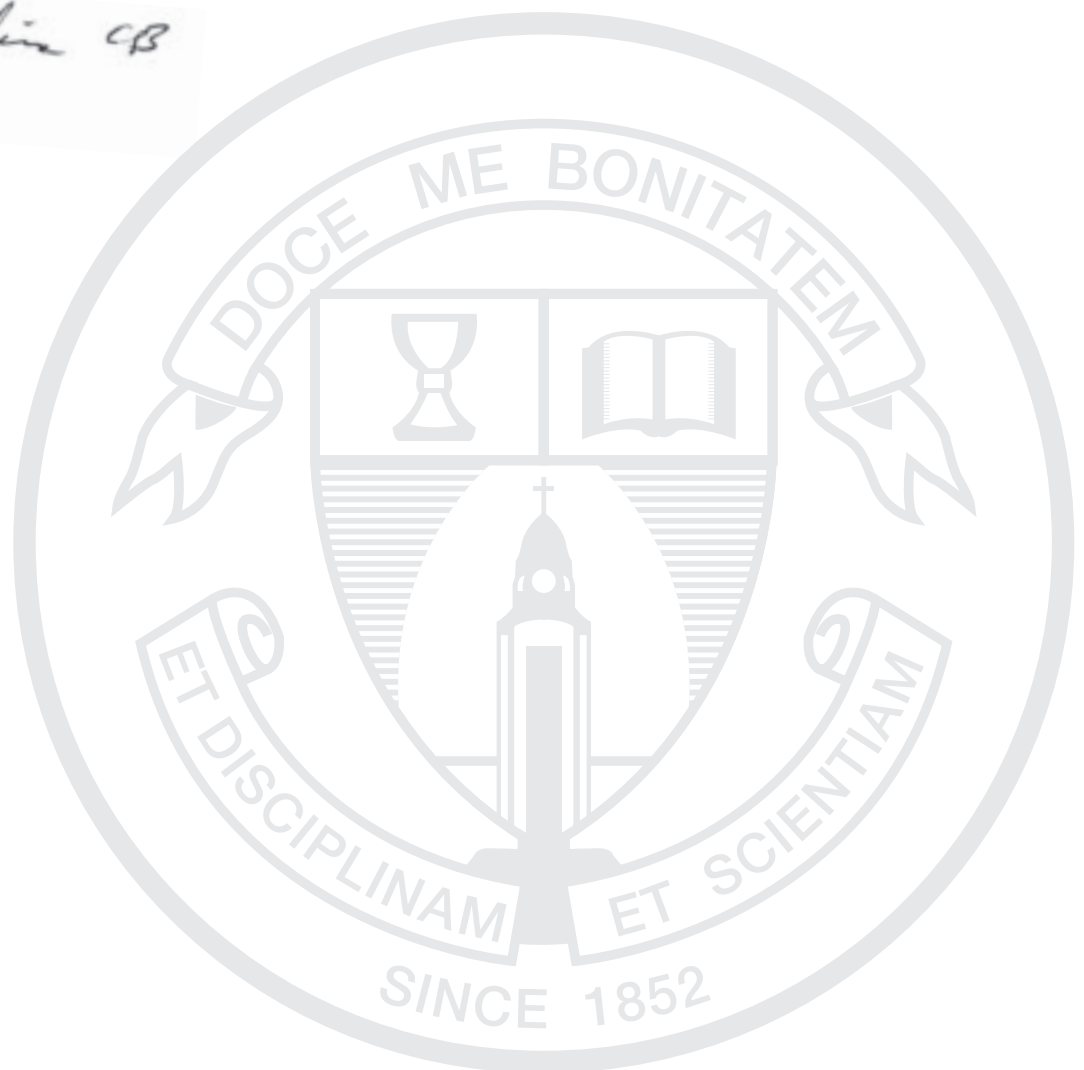


Things at St. Mike's do not seem to slow down much, as you may know. So much has happened over this past year! The master facilities planning process for our campus, the strategic planning/focus group process that followed, and the establishment of our campaign *Building On Strong Foundations*, are three major initiatives we have undertaken in addition to the ongoing business of running our school and its myriad programs.

St. Michael's is pleased to announce the launch of the *Building On Strong Foundations* capital campaign website. This will be the portal for the information on the Performing Arts Centre, the Learning Centre and the Bursary Programme. The website has wonderful footage of the SMCS student performers in the theatre productions as well as the various bands. Please take a moment to look.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Joe Redican C.S.B." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Joseph Redican, C.S.B.
President & CEO



Building on Strong Foundations Campaign

Since its founding in 1852, St. Michael's College School has continued to grow and develop, building on its traditions and strong foundations of a storied and distinguished history. St. Michael's was founded by the Congregation of St. Basil (Basilian Fathers) to meet the vital, growing need for the Catholic education of boys in Toronto. Over the course of its history, St. Michael's and the Basilian Fathers have continued to fulfill this mission as the school has grown from a minor seminary to a high school offering a program of studies that prepares a young man for university and for service to his community.

In 2006, the administration of St. Michael's completed a comprehensive process to refine the strategic direction of the school over the next five years. Nearly two thousand members of the St. Michael's community provided input and feedback, through personal interviews, focus groups and an on-line survey. A shared vision for the future of St. Michael's College School was created with the help of our Strategic Planning Committee, Capital Campaign Team, the Basilian Fathers, and Board of Directors.

There were three projects identified which saw the launch of the *Building On Strong Foundations Capital Campaign* to raise \$10 million:

- Create a Performing Arts Centre (\$8 million);
- Create a Learning Centre for learning challenged and gifted students (\$1 million);
- Increase the amount of money available for students in financial need by growing the endowment (\$1 million).

To date, gifts and pledges committed - \$2,541,500.00; pending commitments and Leadership gifts - \$4,217,500.00. The General Phase began April 2008 with the establishing of the Capital Campaign website, which includes footage from the musical performances and plays over the years.

The Performing Arts Centre is 50 years in the making. In 1950, when the Bathurst and St. Clair location was built, a theatre/auditorium was to be erected on the present Basilian Father residence. When Fr. Fitzpatrick was Principal of St. Michael's in the 1980's, the theatre was revisited with a possible location being the old St. Clare House. During the 1990's and the *Building Fund Campaign*, a theatre was to be built as the fourth and final phase of the campaign. Today, St. Michael's will make that dream a reality through the *Building On Strong Foundations Capital Campaign*.

There are many naming opportunities available in the Performing Arts Centre, as well as, the Learning Centre and the named Bursaries. The theatre seats are also currently for sale at \$2,500. All gifts can be pledged over a five year time period.

Many have helped build the foundation on which the traditions of St. Michael's stand. Today you have the unique opportunity to help build the future of our school and to impact the lives of our students.

For further information, please check the Capital Campaign website at www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com or contact Kimberley Bailey, Director of Advancement at baileyk@smcsmail.com or 416-653-3180 ext 118.



“...There are no meaningless games when you’re playing them.”



Sid the Kid has just scored in overtime in the Winter Classic and Michigan has just upset Florida. I’m flipping channels while reading old newspapers. It’s New Year’s Day.

No more procrastination as I look for a lead to the Spring *Blue Banner*. I think I found it — a quote by Bill Parcells passed on to Bill Belichick, the 16 and 0 winning coach of the New England Patriots: “there are no meaningless games when you’re playing them”. Perhaps, this can be used as a metaphor for life and the years passed and ahead. We never know what the moment will bring. Put in another way, we are all on a journey, an adventure whose end is yet unknown. We have read stories of these sagas in previous *Blue Banner* magazines.

It has indeed been an interesting year in the St. Michael’s community. Alumni have made important contributions in their own lives and those beyond their borders. They have seized those precious moments in time, utilized and nurtured them to produce results beyond their expectations. All our journeys have to start somewhere.

Who would have thought that a young Fr. Hugh Foley, C.S.B. ’43, who couldn’t skate would not only play on five St. Mike’s teams, be a captain on one, and become a Basilian priest; or, for that matter, Jesse Torchetti ’08, Michael Kuhlmann ’08 and Peter Grbac ’08, all giving of their time and energy to engage in a life and death struggle in the outreaches of a poverty strewn village in Kenya. To read the biographies of the recipients of the Order of St. Michael: Dr. Robert Michael Brock ’63, Eugene Melnyk ’77, Fr. Thomas F. Mohan C.S.B. ’48, Patrick Edward Hannigan ’56 (posthumously), The Hon. Dr. Stanley Haidasz P.C. ’41, and Edward V. and Leda Santi, it becomes quite evident that just as these exemplary models have been ordered to God as the source of life, they too have been ordered to others, as neighbour and fellow travelers in this business of life and living.

I have learned one saving and redeemable thing as editor; our community is blessed with amazing doers and givers. It makes one proud, humble and at times embarrassed that one could and should do more as we play out life’s game. Nothing is meaningless as we round the bases loaded with adventure. The lesson really is to seize the moment as many have done in the pages that follow.

And you know, 16 and 0 is a pretty good record for anyone.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Younder". The script is fluid and cursive.

Joe Younder ’56
Editor, *Blue Banner*

Letters to the Editor

As I looked through your most excellent Blue Banner, Fall 2007 issue, I realized that a letter of congratulations was in order and when the article about my brother, "Gunner Bill" popped into view, I knew that truth and sincerity were the only order of the day.

*Thank you on behalf of my sisters and brothers, **Mike '41, John '46, Paul '54**, Mary SMC 48, and Kathleen SMH 53. (that's a lot of Goodness!) You again captured a man of action who brought about change, a change in many of God's chosen who have graduated to make this world, and its many societies, a better place to live and become more like Him.*

***Fr. Bill O'Brien, C.S.B. '40** will be remembered for many things, not the least of which was his intensity for making things better for his many friends and associates. At Fr. Bill's Funeral Mass in early December 1998, Fr. Norm Fitzpatrick C.S.B. spoke of "Gunner's" strong, almost super human code of discipline that he lived and loved throughout his ministry in the Congregation of St. Basil. Such is leadership alive.*

On a lighter note a true slice of "me Brother Bill" was illustrated on the October Friday before Rosary Sunday, 1955. The Band had just finished his marching drill in preparation for The Living Rosary at the CNE Grounds. Speaking from atop the hill overlooking the old tennis courts/parking lot at 1515 Bathurst St., he struck a Roman Centurion's august pose before he spoke. Not a tongue wagged nor leaf rustled as he militarily boomed, "If any of you guys haven't got your shoes shined for Sunday's parade I'll debowel ya."

Tom O'Brien '57

Just wanted to say your recent edition is first class not only in format and quality, but in content. Great work! This kind of effort will no doubt foster alumni interest and participation in the future. I look forward to the next issue. As an alumnus I am proud to share the Banner with friends and prospective students of SMCS.

Don Bannan '66

Congratulations on a first-rate publication. I especially enjoyed the editor's upbeat Letter from the Editor.

Richard Desrocher '73

Another fine job on the Blue Banner. It is classy and polished. I liked your editorial. Do you think it might be a good idea to do a section on our Outdoor Education Program?

Bill Fifield, SMCS staff

The Blue Banner is an extraordinary publication, better every issue, a real accomplishment.

Glenn Wright '67

*Just received the Fall edition of the Blue Banner – fantastic-keep it up. I was pleased to read **Larry Schmidt's '61** work in Colombia and **Pat Hannigan's '56** humanitarian efforts in Fort Erie and his establishing, Casa El Norte. I fondly recall **Fr. O'Brien, C.S.B. '40** literally throwing me out into the hall directly opposite the room where **Fr. Timmins, C.S.B. '35** the V.P. was teaching. Needless to say, I always had my French Authors' homework done after that.*

Joe Grogan '58

*My brother **Eugene Cuccia '52** provided me with a copy of the Vol.2 Spring 2007, Blue Banner knowing I would be proud of him and also interested in all the other St. Mike's fellows with whom I was acquainted. However, the article which touched me most was the memoriam by **Joe LeMoine '54** to **Barry Dunne '54**.*

In, June 2008, I will be celebrating my Golden Jubilee as a graduate of St. Michael's Hospital School of Nursing. As a young nurse, part of our training included an affiliation with the Toronto Psychiatric Hospital. Barry Dunne was my patient. Over the years I have nursed many patients but I never forgot Barry. He was handsome, humorous full of life and very bright. I always hoped he would achieve his goals. To this day I often wondered about him. I was very saddened to read not only of his demise but also of how long he struggled. One of my duties was to escort him to Mass at St. Basil's. He would joke with me and ask what I would do if he ran away from me. He never did. We had an excellent rapport. Mental illness is the worst illness which one can be afflicted. It is a life long struggle filled with rejection and the stigma attached.

I am grateful that Barry had Joe and others like him at St. Mike's and throughout his life.

Norma (Cuccia) LoPresti

*I want to tell you how much I enjoyed reading about the members of the St. Mike's staff and alumni. In particular, one article in the Spring 2007 edition by **Joe LeMoine '54** touched me. It was the tribute to his friend and classmate, **Barry Dunne '54**. I was at St. Michael's High School and the university at the same time, but it wasn't until I completed a Social Group Work degree at the University of St. Michael's College that I was assigned to the facility at Penetanguishene. I believe Barry was transferred back to Toronto by the time I arrived. I did however learn a great deal of the treatment of mental illness. More effective and heart warming for me was the involvement of Barry's friends with him. I am sure their caring did help Barry immensely.*

John Erochko '52

*I certainly enjoyed the last issue of the Blue Banner. Reading the "Where are They Now" column gives me hope while struggling through university of what other grads have accomplished. I was delighted to see the picture of Fr. Redican, C.S.B. and me presenting the 100 Years of Hockey plaque. It was great to be a part of the celebration. I am keeping tabs on a few first year students here at the University of Western Ontario. **Curtis Platt '07** and **Tom Cameron '07** have received their own radio show on Western Radio. There are many St. Mike's students spread across campus and I see some 14 of them on a regular basis. **Ian Meagher '07** is playing Varsity soccer for the Western Mustangs. In January, a group of us went to see the Mississauga Majors play the London Knights at the John Labatt Center. Three of the players were from our graduating class: **Michael Pelech '07**, **Mike McGurk '07** and **Dustin Ekelman '07**. I was Co-Commissioner for Frosh Week and represented my residence (Saugeen-Maitland Hall) in promoting Information and Media Studies. In all, it's been a busy and engaging first year.*

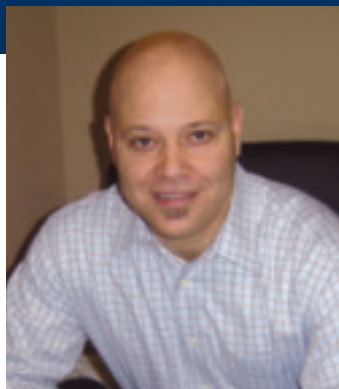
Brandon Sousa '07

*Hey Joe, it's getting better! I only counted two pictures of you and none of Coach P. Wow, I bet you still have those white shoes and tie in the picture with **Fr. Volpe, C.S.B. '48** and **John Callaghan '81**. Also, get rid of the Pierre Berton bow tie. I was surprised that you let **Terry***

***Devine's '57** comment about my thinning blond hair pass the censor board. These guys are just jealous. The Blue Banner is improving with each issue. I was happy to read the article on the history of basketball. I still think I should have made the junior squad. I am happy to report that the Ottawa Chapter is growing (see article). My knees and hips held up well on our Italian trip. Now, I am working on the eyes. Soon, you won't recognize me, and I can't wait to hear the comments from those 1957 yahoos. Stay well old friend.*

John McCusker '57

Editor's Note: The Blue Banner invites readers to send us their thoughts for publication. Letters should be concise and topical. The Blue Banner reserves the right to edit submitted articles.



From Your Alumni President

As I write this article I can't help but look back in amazement at the initiatives and accomplishments of the Alumni Association and the school's Office of Advancement this past year.

From the Homecoming weekend in October to the successful Turkey Roll in November, where some 900 alumni enjoyed an evening of food, fun, games and memories, and which was, for the first time, begun with a Mass in the school chapel, to the annual Christmas dinner for last year's graduates, to the incredibly inspirational evening that was the Order of St. Michael induction ceremony dinner, to the upcoming golf tournament, and to the 10 year alumni summer barbeque, your association is very much alive and involved in alumni life beyond the yellow brick walls. And we are just getting started.

There are other exciting initiatives underway that we believe will enrich the St. Michael's 'Old Boys' experience. There is currently a plan to develop an on-line community. It will function in a similar manner as Facebook which will allow you to stay in touch with your fellow alumni in a safe and secure environment. Moreover, the site will keep you informed with the goings on at the school. In addition, plans are underway to renovate an Old Boys' room, a room off the arena that formerly housed the Industrial Arts Department and more recently the Majors lounge. We envision it as a place to house school memorabilia, and provide a meeting area for alumni groups, meetings and special events. It is a place that we long needed as an association.

The school has also launched the *Building on Strong Foundations Capital Campaign*. The campaign has three distinct areas of focus: to build a Performing Arts Centre, to establish a Learning Centre, and to increase the Bursary endowment to support deserving young men who have qualified to attend St. Michael's.

For those of you who attended the Order of St. Michael dinner, you witnessed exceptional and deserving men and women who have enriched our lives and those of their communities. There is no doubt that the Holy Spirit has deeply touched these individuals in their service to humanity.

We need young alumni to volunteer for the Mentorship Program, outlined in this issue, to give guidance to students for university programs and career paths. Visit the school's website for more information on this worthwhile endeavour.

All of the above would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the Office of Advancement (Kimberley Bailey, Stephanie Gough, Gina Cramarossa), Director of Communications, [Michael De Pellegrin '94](#), *Blue Banner* Editor, [Joe Younder '56](#), Alumni Affairs Officer, Dan Prendergast, and Fr. Joseph Redican, C.S.B., President & CEO. I would also like to thank the Basilian Fathers particularly, Fr. Cecil Zinger, C.S.B., [Fr. Neil Hibberd, C.S.B. '58](#), Fr. Norm Fitzpatrick, C.S.B., [Fr. Tom Mohan, C.S.B. '48](#) and the late [Fr. Rocco Volpe, C.S.B. '48](#) who have inspired generations of men.

The St. Michael's College School Alumni Association offers its alumni an outlet to stay in touch with fellow graduates and provides you with news and events which I hope will encourage you to support and become an active member. Visit the school's website or e-mail me at rmilano@safetechenv.com.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Romeo Milano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Romeo Milano '80
President, SMCS Alumni Association

Order of St. Michael Celebrates Its Newest Members

On Thursday, April 17th, 2008, alumni, parents and friends of St. Michael's College School gathered at Toronto's Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex to celebrate the sixth induction ceremony of the Order of St. Michael.

The Order of St. Michael is the highest honour that St. Michael's can bestow. It is conferred on a man or woman who has illustrated love and admiration for St. Michael's; whose life is exemplary, a model for students; who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual, academic or material welfare of the school; who is distinguished in service to neighbour; who is respectful of religion. It is conferred on an alumnus: who has brought honour to St. Michael's through his works; who is an exemplary family man; whose service to the Church is commendable and who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual, academic or material welfare of the school.

On behalf of the entire St. Michael's community, congratulations to the seven newest members of the Order of St. Michael.



Hon. Dr. Stanley Haidasz



Dr. Robert M. Brock



Patrick E. Hannigan



Eugene Melnyk



Fr. Thomas F. Mohan, C.S.B.

The Hon. Dr. Stanley Haidasz P.C. '41 whose professional career included 40 years of service as a General Medical Practitioner at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto and is Canada's longest serving Parliamentarian.

Dr. Robert Michael Brock '65 whose professional career included 30 years of service as medical director at North York General Hospital Sports Clinic.

Patrick (Pat) Edward Hannigan '53 (posthumously), came to play for the St. Michael's Majors in 1953 and then continued his career as a professional hockey player after which he became a refugee advocate and established two Niagara area refugee houses.

Eugene Melnyk '77 who founded Biovail Corporation and currently owns the OHL's Mississauga St. Michael's Majors, the Ottawa Senators and most recently, he and his wife Laura helped to establish Providence Elementary School in Barbados. He is one of St. Michael's College School's greatest ambassadors and its largest benefactor.

Father Thomas F. Mohan, C.S.B. '48 was ordained in 1959 and upon his return to St. Michael's, spearheaded the renewal of the school building and its academic program.

Edward V. Santi & Leda Santi, became members of the St. Michael's community when their three sons began attending St. Michael's. The Marc Santi Foundation honours their son who lost his life in a traffic accident during his graduating year at St. Michael's. The Santi's are heavily involved in local charities and various St. Michael's events.



Edward V. Santi & Leda Santi

St. Michael's College School Captains, 1941:
(L-R) Buzzers Farrell Gallagher; Midget, Greg Carter;
Minor Midget, Hugh Foley; Bantam, Pat Powers; Minor Bantam,
Armand Fitzgerald (brother of Desmond Fitzgerald).

*In the Winter Volume 3 of the Blue Banner, **Dr. Desmond Fitzgerald '42**, Philosophy Professor at the Jesuit University of San Francisco suggested that **Fr. Hugh Foley, C.S.B. '42** be acknowledged. They had been classmates and friends for five years at St. Michael's College School. After graduating from the University of St. Michael's College with a PhD in Philosophy, Des went on to teach Thomistic Philosophy at San Francisco University for 50 years. Fr. Hugh, after an outstanding teaching career, is retired and living at Orsini House on St. Joseph Street where the following interview took place.*

Fr. Hugh begins his story by telling us that a few years ago the M.V.P's of sport for the last 50 years were invited to a banquet at St. Michael's College School. Of the 40 in attendance, **Ed Sanford '42** was invited to speak on behalf of the group. He said that day he came from Mimico, in the fall 1940 was the happiest day of his life. "I would be happy to say the same about myself," replies Fr. Hugh.



hockey team. He relates, "I loved every minute of my five years at St. Mike's and all the priests, scholastics and the few lay teachers on staff. I tried to know many students before me and behind me. To this day I still see classmates."

Although Fr. Hugh could relate many stories about those early days, he fondly remembers the school's location on the corner of Bay and St. Joseph Streets, the curriculum, (you had to pass all nine subjects for Sr. matriculation), the band,

From Waterboy to the Majors

PERSEVERANCE AND LUCK PAVED THE WAY
FOR FATHER HUGH FOLEY, C.S.B. '42

Fr. Hugh was born in Chatham, Ontario in 1925 and in 1930 his family moved down the road to London, Ontario. In 1934 he went to live for three years with his grandfather in the small village of Lasalette near **Red Kelly's '47** home in Simcoe. In 1937 his family moved to Toronto so that Hugh could go to St. Mike's where his father, Vincent, attended in 1910. **Fr. Henry Carr, C.S.B.**, a graduate of 1903, was coaching the football team and **Jack Spratt**, a graduate of 1911, later Fr. Spratt C.S.B, was the rover on the senior

the theatre, the retreats, benediction at St. Basil's Church, the outdoor handball courts, the boarders' residences and of course the athletic program. Two things do stand out. Fr. Hugh and **William 'Beau' McTague '42**, whose father was Justice McTague of the Supreme Court of Ontario, were the senior handball champions. The second adventure was his lucky hockey career which he tells in some detail.

He was in grade nine and had skated a few times on a farmer's pond in Lasalette, but couldn't make the Bantam team his first year at St. Mike's. The Midgets, Buzzers and Majors were the only other teams at the time. **Fr. Cyril Carter, C.S.B. '35**, let him carry the goalie pads and water pails, and he got the opportunity to skate on outdoor ice. At the end of the season all the teams except the Bantams had lost out. It was then that Fr. Carter got ice time at Maple Leaf Gardens and Fr. Hugh was told that if he stayed out of the way he could skate with a stick and puck on the big ice surface. "Can you imagine what it was like for a young farm lad to be skating in Maple Leaf Gardens?" he reminisces. "I will never forget it. How many can say they learned to skate at Maple Leaf Gardens?"

Luck struck again in 1938 when **Frs. Matt Sheedy, C.S.B. '32** and **Ted Flanagan, C.S.B. '32** arrived at St. Mike's and added Minor Bantam and Minor Midget teams. Fr. Hugh not only made the Bantam team but was chosen captain. After that he played a lot of hockey. On that same team were **Fr. Ted McLean, C.S.B. '45**, **Fr. Jim Enright, C.S.B. '42**, **Dr. John Wilson '43**, **Peter D'Agostino '42**, and **Pat Powers '42**. In 1938 alone he played on four teams: a Sportsman's Patriotic pre-season team that Fr. Sheedy got them into, a St. Mike's Bantam THL team, a St. Basils' C.Y.O. team and a team in the King Clancy league, all coached by Fr. Sheedy and Fr. Bud Cullen, C.S.B. There's more; in his Minor Midget year, he played on the Holy Name C.Y.O Ontario Championship Midget Team. Fr. Hugh adds laughingly, "a group of us even rented ice at Ravina Gardens on Saturday morning for \$6 an hour."

The Majors were dropped for two years and **Fr. Hugh Mallon, C.S.B. '26** started them up again in 1941. One day Fr. Hugh saw a note on the bulletin board for tryouts for the Majors. He was a Minor Midget, age 16 and in grade 13. With nothing to lose and "just for fun and a free skate, I went out and to my surprise, I made the St. Michael's Majors. It was obviously one of the high points in my life. By the way, **Fr. Gerry Gregoire, C.S.B. '42** was also on that team."

In closing, I reminded Fr. Hugh there was another St. Mike's grad whose path was similar to his. He was just inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. Fr. Hugh jokingly replied, "Yes, I know but **Jim Gregory '55** never played for the Majors, and I didn't really want to be a G.M." Right now Fr. Hugh is the only St. Michael Majors Basilian priest still alive.

We wish you good health and continued good luck, Fr. Hugh.



Hugh Foley

“Sometimes a man must go a long way out of his way to come back a short distance.”

By Fr. John Malo, C.S.B. '66

The following article is sent to us from [Fr. John Malo, C.S.B. '66](#) who after an absence of some 30 years has returned to St. Michael's as Dean of Students.

Coming from North Toronto in the fall of 1961, I found myself immersed in a new, and at times terrifying experience as a 'niner' at St. Mike's. It was a new world from my previously sheltered life, and yet I was aware in very short order that I was part of something much bigger than I was. It takes a while for a freshman to understand that he is now part of an ongoing history, a St. Michael's man. I found myself making new friends and encountering teachers who would challenge and inspire me throughout my SMCS career. [Fr. Neil Hibberd, C.S.B. '58](#),

Fr. Joe Penny, C.S.B., Fr. Jim Carruthers, C.S.B., Fr. 'Moe' Taylor, C.S.B., and Fr. George Thompson, C.S.B. (to mention just a few) all formed part of my early Basilian experience. Other teachers like Hugh McDougall and [Joe Younder '56](#) fired my enthusiasm, not just for their subject matter, but also for their passion for life and love of St. Mike's. Because of these mentors and spiritual guides, I knew early on that I wanted to be a teacher and more specifically I wanted to be a Basilian priest-teacher. It was obvious that they understood that they were doing something important and were having fun doing it! And so, upon graduation I entered the Basilian Novitiate in Erindale, Ontario in 1966 and have never looked back.



John — student and scholar.



Fr. Malo, C.S.B. celebrating Mass.

The Ministry Years

My early years as a Basilian seminarian exposed me to a new family, the Basilian community, and new opportunities to begin my discernment process. For many summers, I worked at Columbus Boys' Camp in Orillia, Ontario. The large number of Basilians working there with underprivileged children inspired me to dedicate my whole life to working with youth. After I had completed my university education at the University of Toronto, I had the chance to return home for the first time as a teaching scholastic (seminarian) at St. Mike's for two years from 1972-74. I knew immediately that I wanted to teach at St. Mike's for the rest of my life! But, in their wisdom, this is not how the Basilian Fathers operate. After theology and Diaconate ordination in 1977, I was sent to Owen Sound to be a Deacon in our Basilian

parish (St. Mary's) for one year. After priestly ordination, I was then asked to report to Assumption High School in Windsor and work in the boarders' residence. It was there that I learned an increased appreciation for what it means to be a parent as well as a priest, ministering 24/7 for six years. But again, according to Basilian custom, I was asked to move to our school in Sault Ste. Marie (St. Mary's College) for three years, and then to take on the task of forming our own young candidates for the priesthood by being Novice Master in Houston, Texas for two years, followed by two years as Vocation and Associate Director in Rochester, New York. These years were wonderful growing experiences for me, even though they had taken me away from the high school apostolate that I so loved.

I could never have been prepared for my next Basilian assignment: Cali, Colombia and our mission work there, including work in our newly formed school, *Nuestra Senora de la Asuncion*. It was a very difficult year for me with the violence, isolation, and culture shock, but it was, in many ways, the year that best defined my later ministry, 'tested in fire'. The Basilians in Colombia, in addition to always inspiring me with their dedication and enthusiasm, also touched me deeply with their courage. They knew that every day they had to wake up and ask, "Is this the day that I will die?" What an honour to be a part of that. I certainly learned Spanish quickly; my survival depended upon it! This was not to last as the Basilian General Council asked me to move to our school in Oakland, California and take up classroom duties once again. Another move, another 'foreign' experience. Obedience being the mark of a Basilian, I arrived in Oakland to begin what would turn out to be a 12 year commitment. The first part of my time there was full time teaching and it was exhilarating to get chalk under my fingernails once again. The last four years were spent as Dean of Students, in charge of overall discipline. Still, the irony is not lost on me. There was a time at St. Mike's when, as a student, I would try to avoid Room 214, the detention office. What goes around comes around.



A young John.



Coming Home

In the spring of 2006, the General Council approached me in Oakland and asked if I would be willing to come back to St. Mike's and continue my work as Dean of Students. It had been more than 30 years and seven assignments later since I had been at St. Mike's. I was ready. Presently, I am Dean of Students, working closely with Mrs. Marianne Ottavino in the Attendance Office and overseeing discipline. It feels right to come home at this point in my Basilian and priestly life as I am now entering the 'twilight years' of ministry. My ministry, as I see it, is to get the students 'out of trouble' and get their situation 'normalized' as quickly as possible. It is an opportunity to work with them one-on-one, aware that many who cross my path are either 'in trouble' or 'troubled'. For me, it is important to ask not just 'what' they did, but 'why' they did it. The students continue to be my teachers every day and a true joy. For me, discipline is not focused on negative punishment, but helping students see that there are consequences for their choices. This is pivotal for their growing experience and preparation as a Catholic Christian in today's society.

St. Michael's has changed in some ways since my last time here 30 years ago. There is the new addition (and air conditioning!), the new football field and track, new technology and certainly new teachers. And yet, there is something sacredly unchanging. Whether it is the Hoikety-Choik chant, or the pride of the staff and students at being part of something bigger than themselves, the pride of being part of the double blue in all its aspects, spiritual, academic and athletic, or even the more mundane, like the cafeteria chips and gravy! Some things do change, must change and should change. It is good though that some things do not.

Working with [Joe Brisbois '67](#), [Emile John '87](#) and [Terry Sheridan '89](#) is a joy and honour. Working with our present staff is a joy beyond words. Working with our students keeps me young and ever-hopeful about our future, both as a school and as a Church.

It's been a long journey, but it's good to be home.

By Mike Lavelle '54

Every evening we have instilled in our lives the importance of sport. Sometimes, it completely takes over the news especially during the Olympics, or Steve Nash's MVP awards or more recently the time given to the World Junior Hockey Championships in Prague. Without question, the impact of sport on our society is overwhelming; it affects our economy, plays a major role in our entertainment and mirrors our attitude in the value and place that competition plays in our society. Most importantly, it forces us to evaluate what sport is and its role in the education of our youth.

time we do have some great examples of quality people in sport such as Steve Nash, Mats Sundin, Michael "Pinball" Clemons or Tiger Woods.

So why do we encourage kids to play and why coach? Just what are the values we would like to promote? First of all, by becoming an athlete you would hope that the athlete would learn self-discovery through the extreme discomfort of pain, fatigue, routine, failure and isolation. Then, of course, there is the discipline required to train and compete against yourself and we all learn soon enough that discipline is the foundation of all greatness. Certainly there are other lessons: try and never lose hope, try, follow

News, Weather and Sports

Those who seem to promote violence and intimidation to settle scores or bring out the best in man, undermine everything that our coaches in schools and on our league teams are trying to teach which is to move people from the savage to the humane. Who can forget the hit on [Steve Moore '97](#) or Steve Downie's rage? We have enough violence in our world, on our streets and in our homes. We don't need more gladiator arenas from which far too many of our talented youth emerge scarred for life.

What has happened to speed, skill and healthy competition in sport? Now, if you show any talent you are targeted by moneyed hit men, the results of which last long after the final whistle is blown. I am reminded of a comment Brent Gretzky made of his father, Walter, coaching his sons in the backyard. "My dad focused on what we did right and how to do it even better. He just wanted you to build on whatever you did best. He never put fighting into the backyard. His philosophy was, "How do you expect to score if you're sitting in the penalty box?" No one can slight Walter Gretzky neither as a father-teacher nor, for that matter his family. They are a class unto themselves.

Moreover, how humane is sport when you constantly read about cheating through the use of drugs, whether at the professional, the collegiate or Olympic level. At the same

the rules, focus, always get up, have fun and do your best regardless of the score, respect your teammates and competition. This last point brings to mind Ken Dryden's comment in his book, *The Game*, in which he talks about Cornell University playing against the skill level of Boston University and compares it with what the Boston Bruins were at the time. "What Boston University was, what the Bruins are now, is a good opponent, a rare and treasured thing for any team or player. For a good opponent defines a player or a team. By forcing you to be as good as you can be, such an opponent stretches the boundaries of your emotional and playing experience. When you get to an age or a moment that causes you to look back, you realize how important that is. So when a career ends, when the passion of the game subsides, towards a good opponent you feel only gratitude."

How good does an athlete want to be? The test of all tests is the test of trying to become the best you can be. An athlete must learn that the depth of his struggle will determine the height of his success. If they love what they are doing, they will soon learn that where their love is – is where their pain is.

It is of paramount importance that a coach gets to know his players. He has to know their story; it is only then that



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the player knows someone is interested in him as a person. Last fall I read a story about football coach Pinkel of Missouri who had been coaching without much success. After the 2004 season, he softened his unyielding demeanor a bit. Tragedy altered him even more after Aaron O'Neil, a 19 year old linebacker, collapsed and died during a voluntary off season workout in 2005. Pinkel immersed himself in his players' lives and let his guard down. "I changed in how I communicated with players," he said. Those close

to Pinkel knew he was a compassionate man with a good sense of humour. The difference now is that he is letting others see it as well. The players became more comfortable with Pinkel and when comfortable they played their best. As one player put it, "he let's us play our game." I believe that when coaches, teachers and parents allow themselves to become vulnerable, they show their humanity.

Coaching, like teaching, is a very demanding vocation. To coach properly requires sound preparation, knowledge, a love of the game and hard work. It requires a love of people and a belief that what you have to offer will make a difference in their lives. Coaches help people find the unlimited potential within themselves, and coaches show people that they are capable of being better than they think. A good coach leads them past what they thought were their limits. In the words of Goethe, "if you treat a person as he is, he will stay as he is; but if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be, and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be." This of course is no easy task both on the part of the player and the coach. However, if worked at and accomplished, there comes about a mutual respect that will last a life time.

Too often we stereotype and regard the player in the same light year after year which causes the player to lose his motivation and incentive to change. This applies as well to any classroom teacher. We often feel most comfortable when we can put people, even those we are closest to, into pigeonholes and keep them there. There is something valuable to be learned here from a good coach who regards his charge not as the person he is, but as if he were about to

become the person he ought to be and could be. The coach works with the player's potential and recognizes that the desire to develop and improve is as vital a part of the person as his physical and mental makeup. How we play the game may turn out to be more important than we can imagine, for it signifies nothing less than our way of being in the world. Competition is healthy and adds zest to life, but it is truly the participation that matters most.

One of the most beautiful things to witness as a coach is a group of young people co-coordinating their efforts towards a common goal, something over time you have taught them to do. When you have dedicated them as individuals and as a group to be the best they can be, then you as the coach and they as the players, have won.

I would like to leave you with the following: "no written word or spoken plea can teach our youth what they should be, nor can all the books on all the shelves. It's what the teachers are themselves." I think that's it. Those teachers and coaches are the mothers and fathers, and their most precious tool is love.

Mike Lavelle '54 was a teacher at St. Michael's College from 1958-65. He went on to coach at the University of Waterloo and McMaster University. Recently, he has been coaching at St. Thomas of Villanova High School in King City, Ontario. Mike is a highly regarded coach, student motivator, teacher and writer who has left a legacy in coaching and teaching in Ontario. He divides his time between athletics and giving inspirational talks on leadership and life choices to business people, where skills learned in athletics compliment those of the boardroom.

Those Amazing Wilson Boys — A Family Tradition

*Well it can be said that you judge a company by the company it keeps. In examining the history of St. Mike's it becomes evident, as reported in previous issues, that the school has had a number of families whose sons have so proudly worn the double blue. The Wilson family is no exception. The following article is taken from the archives of the University of St. Michael's College, and an interview with **Dr. John Wilson Sr. '43** who is the central figure of this story of his six brothers who preceded him at St. Michael's, his four sons who followed and now his grandsons, some of whom have graduated while others are attending the school.*

In 1919, William and Teresa Wilson of Copper Cliff, Ontario, with nine children, and possessing a strong belief in Catholic education, began sending their six sons to St. Michael's College School in Toronto. Their early experience at St. Mike's was so favorable that in 1922 they made the courageous and difficult decision to leave their friends and business in the north and make Toronto their new home.

Joseph Wilson '24, was the first to leave home. He was an academic and an athlete. After two years of Classics at University of Toronto, he was forced, through ill health, to give up his studies. He married Rita Quinn and they had one son. Joe had a successful business career in south western Ontario and died in Windsor at the age of 80.

William '25, played for the Buzzers with such immortals as Joe Primeau '28 and Dave Trottier '24. The story goes that he gave up medical school as "he couldn't stomach dissecting a rabbit." Bill married Mary McCabe and they had eight children, with son Gregory attending the school for only one year. Bill ran a hotel and general business in Loretto, Ontario. He died at the young age of 64.

Fr. James Francis, C.S.B. '33, being so impressed by the priests and teachers, joined the Basilian order at the age of 16. He graduated from the University of St. Michael's College in 1934 and was ordained a priest in 1939. Fr. Jim, to quote some of his Basilian confreres, "Toronto's gift to Houston, Texas", spent his entire priesthood there. He taught himself Spanish and set up the Spanish

Department at St. Thomas High School. In his early years he also served the Spanish Missions in Texas. Besides his teaching, he established 'Kids Baseball' in Texas and became a very successful and highly respected baseball coach taking St. Thomas teams to city and state championships. He was honoured by being elected a life member of the Professional Baseball Players Association of Houston and having the baseball field at St. Thomas High School named after him. He died in the Basilian Residence on St. Joseph Street, Toronto at the age of 84.

Fr. Clarence Edmund, C.S.P. '31, "During his school days at St. Michael's, he had grown to admire both the Basilian and the Paulist Fathers in his home parish of St. Peter's. After graduation, he was accepted by the Paulist Fathers and in 1943 was ordained in St. Peter's Church. He was later Pastor of St. Peter's, Toronto for six years. Always a gifted homilist, Fr. Edmund was welcomed at the parishes he served until 1983. He died at Providence Health Centre at the age of 84, just days after celebrating his 55th anniversary of ordination.

Thomas Gerald '32, made his way to the Bay Street school in 1927 and after graduation entered the business world. In 1938 he married Frances Dunn. He served in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps from 1943-45. Tom and Fran had four children. He died at age 84.



A great legacy — 14 Wilson's attend St. Michael's.

Charles Patrick '36, followed next and excelled in hockey, baseball and football. After graduation, he played professional hockey, along with playing and coaching senior baseball in Ontario. In March of 1942, on joining the RCAF and completing training at Crumlin Air Base near London, Ontario, he achieved the rank of Pilot Officer and won the award for class leadership and general proficiency. As a Bomb Aimer, he completed 33 flights over Europe. Pat returned to his professional hockey career after the war, playing in Baltimore, Washington, California, St. Louis and Fort Worth, claiming to have played on the first organized hockey team in Texas. Pat married Doris May and they have two children. He is still as active as his 90 years will allow and enjoys golf.

The story now takes us to Dr. John Killoran Wilson '43, the last of the seven brothers to attend St. Mike's. He recalls his years at the school as happy and academically rewarding. The friends he made have lasted a lifetime and the Basilian priests prepared him well for his future education and life in general. John graduated from U of T Medical School in 1948, and after six years of post graduate studies in Toronto and London, England, he was successful in gaining his FRCPC as a specialist in Internal Medicine, with emphasis on Cardiology. In 1954 he joined the staff of St. Michael's Hospital and the Faculty of Medicine U of T, achieving the rank of Associate Professor. John was Chief of Cardiology at St. Michael's Hospital from 1970-84. He was invested Knight Commander, Order of St. Sylvester by Cardinal Carter in 1982 and received the Order of St. Michael in 1999. John married Patricia Dewan in Sacred Heart Church, Ingersoll in 1949 and interestingly, Paul Dignan '59, former Director of Studies at St. Michael's College School who was in the St. Peter's Boys' Choir at that time, sang at the wedding. John and Pat have nine children and it is their story that now continues the legacy.

Brian Joseph Wilson '72, who starts the second generation graduated from the University of Western Ontario with an Honors B.Sc. and has a 30 year career in commercial real estate. Presently he is a Vice President with Avison and Young. Brian married Doretta Sabucco and they have three children. Their eldest son, Brendan '01, the first of the third generation was the winner of the Thomas More Award and the Prize in Physics, going on to complete an Engineering degree, cum laude, at the University of Toronto. He is a software engineer in Toronto. Mark '08 is a member of the school swim team and holds a Brown Belt in Karate.

John Killoran Jr. '81, earned his B.Sc. from Cornell University and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. John played hockey during his time at St. Mike's and went on to play for Cornell where he was a Four Year Letterman. He is married to Maureen Vella and they have three children. John is a teacher with the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

David Michael '83, graduated from the University of St. Michael's College with a B.Sc. and obtained a diploma in Nuclear Medicine Technology. He was a gold medalist in his graduating class. Currently he is the Chief Technologist in the PET (Positron Emission Tomography) Scanning Department at Princess Margaret Hospital and recently was appointed Medical Imaging Manager. David and his wife, Nancy Hurley, have nine children. Their two oldest boys Patrick '08 and David Jr. '10 are actively involved in school life. Their four youngest sons are future prospects for St. Mike's.

Gregory James '85, received his B.Sc. from the University of Western Ontario and his dental degree from the University of Toronto. Greg lives in Collingwood and practices dentistry in Durham, Ontario. Greg and Ashlee have two children.

Michael '03 and Bill Hurley '08, are the sons of Bill Hurley and Mary Louise Wilson. Michael received a B.Sc. from the University of Western Ontario in Kinesiology in 2007. He has recently been accepted at Chiropractic College in New York. While at St. Mike's they excelled in baseball with Bill receiving the Dunsmore Award for baseball excellence.

Christopher Lang '05, the son of **Michael Lang '71** and Patricia Wilson, is at the University of Western Ontario. Michael graduated with a law degree from the University of Windsor. He is a senior partner in the Toronto office of Ogilvy Renault.

"We are very proud of our family and their accomplishments. We particularly thank the Basilian Fathers and the teachers at St. Michael's College School for helping us along the way. The women of the Wilson family, over three generations, deserve most of the credit for any successes we have achieved and we thank God for them."

Dr. John Wilson '43

Bursary Fund Honours Memory of Fr. Rocco Volpe, C.S.B. (1930-07)

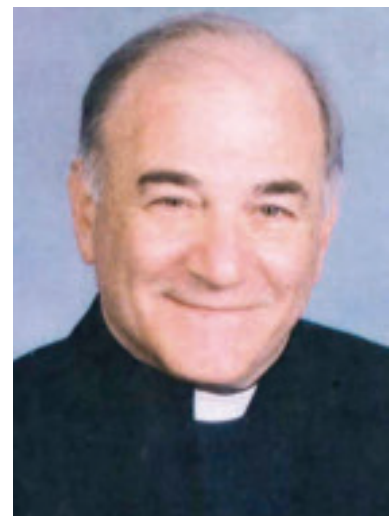
By Romeo Milano '80

In July 2007 St. Michael's lost a great friend and mentor in **Fr. Rocco Volpe, C.S.B. '48**. His passing made me stop and reflect on my years at St. Mike's where he was my football coach and Italian teacher. He exemplified the goodness that he preached. His friendly smile, his sense of humour, his caring and compassionate approach in aiding his students and their families, epitomized his character. Fr. Volpe's prayer for his students was simple, "to become a good person".

After high school, Fr. Volpe entered the Congregation of St. Basil and was ordained to the priesthood in 1957. Except for one year at Michael Power High School, he spent his entire teaching career at St. Michael's College School.

Besides immersing himself in the teaching of Italian, Fr. Volpe founded the Italian Club as well as the Italian Drama Society. Indeed, he served as mentor to the many students of Italian heritage who came to love and respect this gentle, learned teacher.

Fr. Rocco always had a great love of sports. He was an outstanding hockey player in high school, and his love of hockey led to his involvement in coaching at several levels including the Junior 'A' Buzzers. He also coached football and served as Director of Athletics.



Fr. Rocco Volpe, C.S.B. '48



During his academic career, he was the Religious Education Consultant with the Metropolitan Separate School Board and also as the Chaplain at Loretto Abbey High School. In 2004, the Order of St. Michael was conferred on Fr. Rocco in recognition of his priestly ministry, teacher, coach and friend of youth.

It is with love and respect that the St. Michael's community, along with the Volpe family, has established the *Father Rocco Volpe Bursary*. It is dedicated specifically for a first generation Canadian grade nine student in financial need at St. Michael's College School. The student must be well rounded in academics and athletics. In addition, the student should exhibit values in keeping with Father Volpe's qualities: kindness and humility, a love of learning and strong community values with a desire to encourage others to do their best.

The bursary will be the beginning of a legacy to keep his memory alive and in the hearts of future alumni.

The Volpe family is sincerely touched by the out-pouring of love and respect demonstrated for Fr. Volpe by the St. Michael's community.

We encourage the Alumni to contribute to the Father Rocco Volpe Bursary.

Fr. Volpe, C.S.B. '48 was inducted into the Order of St. Michael in 2004.

This past summer **Peter Grbac '08** set out as a volunteer in Keyna under the direction of Craig and Marc Kielburger's (Free the Children and Leaders Today Foundation). At the same time, **Jesse Torchetti '08** and **Michael Kuhlmann '08** were on a similar journey to another part of Kenya with Greg Rogers, Coordinator of Student Leadership with the Toronto District Catholic School Board and an Associate Director at Camp Olympia. We have combined their life altering experiences in the following article.



Jesse '08 and Michael '08 with new friends in Kenya.

Changing the

"Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names. We are inundated by statistics like this one everyday, and yet for most of us, we shrug them off, absorbed in our own problems, our own world. People are afraid, afraid to raise their voices, demand change and see this change become a reality. As pollution, war, poverty, and climate change dominate the front pages of newspapers, it becomes tempting to say, I am just one person. What difference can I make? I have seen first hand the differences any change can make."

So begins Peter's story of his journey last July as he joined 24 amazing young people from around the world, on a once in a lifetime adventure to Kenya to the Masai Mara area, one of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves. There, he became active in the local Masai and Kipsigi communities by taking part in leadership development, building and volunteering in local schools and participating in cultural events and ceremonies. The people in these areas face a constant lack of water, healthcare and education. With over 56 percent of the

Kenyan population living below the poverty line, it comes as no surprise that the vast majority of both adult males and females have never attended school.

In desperate need of educational facilities, Masai villages reserve some of their land for schools. They welcome volunteers to lend their hearts and hands in the construction of these projects. During his stay, Peter helped excavate a school's foundation, erect walls, and raise the roof on a new school house. His days were physically, mentally and emotionally taxing. He remembers vividly an event that took place towards the end of the trip. "After a long morning of building, we were exhausted, covered in mud and completely drenched by the day's heavy rains. However, we were excited because we would have the entire afternoon to play with the younger students in their old school. As I entered their original school house, I could not help but notice a foul, rotting smell. The rain was slowly eroding the cow dung which held the walls together. The cracked floor was dusty; the walls were scratched; the window

shutters were hanging from their hinges, and the roof tiles were ready to collapse under the weight of the rain. Nevertheless, the bright eyes and large smiles of the children quickly put us at ease.” They were most excited when they realized that Peter and his group were about to distribute crayons, paper and glitter. “The colouring, story-telling, singing and dancing that took place over the next four hours bridged our cultural differences and united us under one human spirit,” he relates.

Peter goes on to account that as he looked into their eyes and saw their strong desire never to give up under seemingly impossible circumstances while exposed to absolute poverty, it was then that, “I experienced a deep desire to make a difference. Their circumstance challenged my own way of life and inspired me to take action.”

In similar fashion, Jesse Torchetti and Michael Kuhlmann undertook a life-changing experience. They flew from Toronto to London to Nairobi and then eight hours by bus to a remote village called Enelera. There, they were to build teachers’ accommodations at a local

They were frequently asked by the children to join them for dinner. This interaction of story telling with families, most included 6-10 children, created lasting memories and friendships. “It was very hard to leave,” said Mike and Jesse.

The experiences of Jesse and Michael, like Peter’s, has led them to believe that it is through education and the promotion of sustainable development and human rights, that seemingly impossible global issues can be reduced to challenges we can all tackle. All it requires is a change in heart and the desire to make a difference, no matter how big or small the difference may be. In Peter’s words, “like building the school this past summer, we must change our own lives in this fashion, brick by brick, step by step. By ensuring each decision we make is well thought-out; we can continue to build, so that in the end, we will have affected not only changes, but more importantly changes that will endure.”

Peter, Michael and Jesse now know first hand that they have experienced Kenya’s plight and have a face on the headlines they read each day. The St. Michael’s community is called to continue to help those in need.

World Brick by Brick

primary school, teach the children in several academic subjects and organize an Olympic sports event for the community. Jesse recalls, “The best part of the entire trip was the Olympic sports day when we got to know the children individually. Our primitive knowledge of Swahili and their impressive command of English, allowed us modest communication as we interacted with them in their homes and in our work within their community.” Michael recounts a difficult eye-opening experience at one of their stops on the Mara River, the water source for over two million Kenyans. “The murky brown water was infected with E-coli and Typhoid as cattle bathed and defecated in it. The stark realization that our new friends relied solely on this source of contamination as their water supply made it all the more horrific.”

*Greg Rogers informs us that one of the exercises in preparation for the youthful volunteers is a pre-trip gathering. He takes the volunteers on a retreat to a farm outside Mt. Forest followed by a Mass at the local church. On one occasion, Michael Kuhlmann was invited to speak to the congregation about service to others. Greg goes on to say, “In typical St. Mike’s fashion, Michael presented himself as a well mannered young man, poised, articulate and inspirational.” Greg has come to know the work ethic of the St. Michael’s community through the work that **Francesco Bazzocchi ’83** and **Terry Sheridan ’89** do each summer at Camp Olympia. The grade 7-10 Outdoor Education program at St. Mike’s, run by Bill Fifield, has played a major role in the formation of student leaders like Michael, Peter and Jesse.*

Award Quenches Thirst for Knowledge

*The following article by Sharon Weatherall has been taken, with permission from the Midland Free Press. It highlights the achievement and recognition of **Bernard (Bev) McCue '57**, a Beausoleil First Nation member who recently lost his sight and nearly died after being diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Bernard was one of several honourees at The 15th Annual Aboriginal Achievement Awards Ceremony held on March 7th, 2008 at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts, and later shown on Global T.V.*

Bernard McCue says an “unquenchable thirst for knowledge” gave him the freedom to succeed in life’s challenges.

The Christian Island man is a 2007 honouree of the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards in the technology and trades category for his dedication in achieving an education in chemistry equivalent to an honours university level by taking extension courses after working hours.

Through his work as a professional chemist in the Research and Development Laboratory at DuPont Canada and later the British American Oil Company Ltd. Research Centre, McCue made significant contributions to the development of synthetic jet aircraft lubricants, and was awarded three U.S. patents. He was also recognized for making process improvements for the television industry by creating innovative methods that greatly enhanced the colour characteristics of television sets for RCA Ltd. “I found that as a professional I was treated as an equal and given unrestricted freedom by

my research directors to utilize my talents at research centres at DuPont, British American Oil and RCA Ltd.,” says McCue. “I was fortunate to find happiness in this type of work and made contributions to the industry by the patents that were awarded and published technical papers. My contributions resulted in considerable cost saving benefits to my employers.”

One of seven children, McCue credits his father with fuelling his

drive to learn. A struggling fisherman coping with the harsh conditions of reserve life, McCue’s father encouraged his children to “seek an education for a better life.” It was advice that served McCue well during the traumatic years of his youth and later as he excelled in school and life.

“When I was 14, I was sent away to a residential school over 500 miles from home in Spanish, Ont., and it was very distressing,” McCue recalls. “I experienced the trauma common to all those who attended residential school, but in my case, damage from physical and psychological abuse was more evident. Many times during the four years that I stayed there I felt like running away but I remembered my father’s words and persevered to overcome my lack of self-confidence and self-esteem.”

*In talking with Bernard, he relates that coming to St. Mike’s in 1956 for his grade 13 year, was “the best thing that ever happened to me. It gave me discipline, formed study habits and introduced me to some great people.” He boarded with **Charles White '57** at St. Clare House where a young **Fr. Ted McLean, C.S.B. '45** was housemaster and where he recalls **Frank Mahovlich '57** and **Ray Rutkowski '57** as fellow boarders. He remembers Fathers John Egsgard, C.S.B. and **Brian Higgins, C.S.B. '45** as fine examples of great priests and teachers. “St. Mike’s turned me around.” Bernard went on to Ryerson Polytechnical School and studied Chemistry. Later, he took evening courses at the University of Toronto, sponsored by the Chemical Institute of Canada. Bernard has come a long way and St. Michael’s College School congratulates him on his success. Recently, he attended his 50th graduation reunion at the school. Special thanks to Mary King, the proud daughter of “an extraordinary man and my greatest inspiration” for forwarding the information to **Greg Hornberger '57** a classmate and friend of Bernard’s, who in turn, brought the information to our attention.*



As a St. Mike’s grad.



Turkey Roll & Buzzers Reunion

*Without a doubt the Turkey Roll held on November 30th had to have been the best yet with 900 alumni in attendance. Prior to the reunion, many graduates attended a Mass in the school chapel said by **Fr. Neil Hibberd, C.S.B. '57**. The graduating classes of 1958 (50 years), 1983 (25 years) and 1998 (10 years) were honoured with pins. Thanks to all those who attended and especially to **Chris Bingham '83** who brought together 95 alumni from his graduating class. As the Turkey Roll was taking place in the gym, **Peter McCann '72**, **Gord Cowan '73** and **Paul Perras '72** were entertaining a very successful Buzzers reunion of 1968-72 in the Old Boys' Lounge. **Peter McCann** has made a few observations about the evening.*

What do a North American squash champion, **Sean McDonough '69**, a world class bridge player, **Paul O'Hara '71**, a founding member of the Nylons, **Claude Morrison '71**, and the president of Hyundai Canada, **Steve Kelleher '71**, a former NHL'er, **Dave Gardner '71** have in common? They all attended the Buzzers reunion held on November 30th at which members of the 1968-72 teams gathered with friends and former teachers for an evening of fun, reminiscing and good cheer. Former players came from as far away as Vancouver, Colorado, and New England. Although over 35 years had passed and many had not seen each other since high school, it was a comfortable get-together with old friends. Judging by the attitude of gratitude at the reunion, it is safe to say that St. Michael's has had a most salutary effect on these men.

Paul Perras '72 writes of his great pleasure to be "reunited with classmates and players at what was a very successful evening." And from Rhode Island and Boston, **Tim O'Connell '73** and **Rick Graham '73** commented many times that they were glad they made the trip. Their story of first attending St. Mike's is rather interesting. They left Boston in the fall of 1970 at age 17 to spend "our last two years at St. Mike's to pursue our hockey dreams," says Rick. At that time few Americans were playing hockey on the level the Buzzers were playing. Tim writes, "What an experience. Not only did we receive a great education, but we made wonderful friendships and learned life sustaining lessons. Rick and I often talk about those days, and we were thrilled to be able to attend the reunion." And how did they get to St. Mike's? Well that's another story. Dennis Walsh, an American, was a teacher and football coach at St. Mike's in the late 60's and when he returned to the Boston area he coached hockey at Cohasset High School. When Rick and Tim were looking for U.S. hockey schools, Dennis contacted St. Mike's. The rest is history. Tim graduated from the University of Vermont and lives in Barrington, Rhode Island with his wife and four sons. He runs an Equipment Financing Company. Rick works in Florida in commercial real estate and will continue to commute to Boston until his son Jeff graduates from high school in Winchester, Massachusetts. He has three boys and a girl. "Leaving my local high school gave me the courage to compete



Fr. Higgins, C.S.B. '45 and Less Duff '54 reunite with friends.



Bill McNeil '66, Frank Rosar '66 and Carl Glatt '63.



Fr. Hibberd, C.S.B. '57 poses with Class of 1958.



Buzzers alumni 1968-72 reunite.



Matt Pagano '92 holds court.



Class of 1998.

at a higher level. If it were not for Tim's competitive spirit I would have stayed in my comfort zone at Cohasset High School. St. Mike's changed my life." Rick still keeps in touch with Paul and Mark Perras and Gord Cowan.

Class of '58... the 50th Year Reunion

From the reunion class of 1958, **Jacques Renaud** writes the following of those early days at the school. "No one would have thought what it would be like 50 years down the road. Our preoccupation was to pass those dreaded grade 13 provincial exams where we had to get all nine subjects to gain entrance to university." In his time capsule, tuition was \$100; the building was brand new and still shines brightly today. The teaching staff was mostly priests as he remembers **Fathers Kelly, C.S.B. '40**, Whelan, C.S.B., Mullins C.S.B., and **O'Brien C.S.B. '40**. Students from different cultures and backgrounds enriched our lives. It was a school where sports thrived especially hockey with the Majors. **Fr. David Bauer, C.S.B. '45** and **Charlie Cerre '26** were two great hockey men who led the way. "**Frank Mahovlich '57** was the star in those days. I remember seeing his first game tryout as a Leaf wearing that famous 27. Who then would have thought Frank and **Peter Mahovlich '63** would play for the Montreal Canadiens. The Sunday games at Maple Leaf Gardens, the outdoor rink at the school, all precious memories." Jacques especially remembers when Elvis came to Maple Leaf Gardens in 1957. The Catholic schools were threatening students with expulsion if they attended. The Basilians didn't. "I went and had something to talk about for years," he recalls. If Jacques were to leave a message for future grads he would tell them to "cherish and protect your reputation and integrity; take care of your family; take risks; be tolerant, cope and accept human differences. Be thankful for what your parents did for you; they did their best with what they had. There isn't a more rewarding calm for children, as adults, who are at peace with their parents. Fifty years goes faster than you can imagine."

After graduation, Jacques went on to the University of St. Michael's College and then the Ontario College of Education. He taught in Welland and Ottawa and returned to Toronto to teach for five years at St. Basil the Great High School on Weston Road. From there, he was a librarian at Neil McNeil High School for three years where several St. Mike's alumni taught including Ted Schmidt. He left Toronto in 1985 for Montreal as a sales rep for a publishing house and a real estate agent. Now enjoying retirement in Quebec since 2000, he still keeps in contact with his Toronto friends.

Class of '83... the 25th Year Reunion

In **Chris Bingham's '83**, words, "a large net was cast in hopes of bringing a few of the '83's to the Turkey Roll celebrating a quarter-century without a trip to room 214." The response was overwhelming. With the tireless help of **Claudio Danielle, Mike Furguele, Dave Phillips** and many others, 86 boisterous members assembled at the Turkey Roll in November. Regrets, anecdotes and best wishes followed from the many others unable to attend. Regards to the boys were sent from as far away as the Philippines, England, Germany and Jamaica.

Apparently a quarter century hadn't dulled an appetite for mayhem as chorus after chorus of "Hoikety-Choiks" and roars of laughter filled the gym. Many thought it fantastic to feel 18 again as tall tales were exhumed, dissected, embellished and enjoyed all over again. In the months leading up to the Turkey Roll, e-mail debates raged on such intellectual topics as: the merits of Disco vs. New Wave and the benefits of aerodynamic hairstyles and pointy shoes vs. the less streamlined and less tapered, brought back fond memories and brilliant rebuttal.

A meeting at a local tavern prior to the event saw a brilliant turnout, ensuring a banner year for the lucky publican and most likely a tropical vacation. A toast to those we lost along the way and a mass exodus to Bathurst and St. Clair followed. Most impressive was the distance some travelled to get to the event: **John McKay**, **Mike Walsh**, **Vito Culmone** and **Barry Naipaul** flew in from Vancouver, **David Mercer** from Halifax via Afghanistan, and many, many came from Woodbridge.

The 1983's had a curious alchemy. Academic buttresses provided by the likes of **Tony Barozzino** and **John Heng** supported many of us as we hung on, had fun and grew up together at St. Mike's. Heroes of sport, theatre, music and academics were treated equally and became inseparable friends. We have celebrated the birth of children and mourned the loss of parents together. Twenty-five years on, we find the stories are funnier and the friendships earned are stronger than ever.

Class of '98... the 10th Year Reunion

The Class of '98 attended the Alumni Reunion and Turkey Roll in full force and followed the event with an after party at the Sports Cafe.

The grads enjoyed themselves so much at the Turkey Roll that they decided to reunite once again in February at the first annual Class of '98 Steak Night. The level of interest in this event was so large that the venue had to be moved to a larger location. The Steak Night tradition promises to be an annual gathering which will take place in February of each year. For those missing alumni interested in attending future events, please provide your contact information to organizers Stan Kuliavas at stan@kuliavas.com, **Frank Lamie** at frank.lamie@gowlings.com, or Anton Strgacic at anton.strgacic@rogers.blackberry.net."

Next year on November 28th, the classes of 1959, 1984, and 1999 will be honoured.



Class of 1983.



Rocco Piccinino '94 wheels and deals.

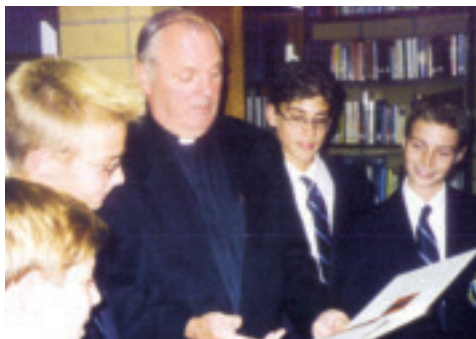


Class of 1977.



Mike Palozzi '90, Pat Mancuso '90, Anthony Scilipoti '90 and Jaroslav Stepanenko '90.

In Memoriam



Left: Fr. Leo Campbell, C.S.B. Right: Fr. Campbell with students.

In Memory of Fr. Leo Campbell, C.S.B.

The St. Michael's College School community is deeply saddened by the sudden passing of a dear friend, Fr. Leo Campbell on February 14th, 2008. One of eight children, he was born in Dominion, Nova Scotia in 1939. Fr. Campbell served as teacher and administrator at Michael Power High School, Toronto; Assumption College School; St. Mary's College, Sault Ste. Marie; and as Principal of St. Michael's College School from 1988-92. Later, he was the school Chaplain. After leaving St. Michael's, Fr. Leo assumed the position of Associate Pastor at Holy Rosary Church, Toronto. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Rosary Church on February 19, 2008 with **Fr. John Malo, C.S.B. '66** giving the eulogy.

Bill Walsh '52, passed away unexpectedly on Good Friday, March 21, 2008. Beloved husband of Sharon E. (nee Roettele); loving father of Monica (Michael) Murray, Eileen (Michael) Tarpy, John Walsh and Justin Walsh. He was the proud grandfather of Mackenzie, Tristan, Delaney, Jack and dear brother of **Rev. Joseph Walsh, C.S.B. '55**. Raised in Toronto, Bill attended both St. Michael's College School and the University of St. Michael's College. He moved to Chicago and received his Masters degree from Loyola. Bill began his professional career with Allstate; then he formed Walden Investment, a real estate investment firm. He went on to create Bristol Chicago, where he developed many large apartment complexes. Bill's greatest loves were his family, friends and faith. **Gene Cuccia '52** fondly recalls Bill's bi-annual attendance at Gene's golf reunion. "Knobby", as he was affectionately called, "is going to be missed by all those 80 guys every time they put on their alumni jackets so generously provided by Bill,"

laments Gene. **Murray Costello '53** recalls "Bill was the Equipment Manager of the Majors when I arrived there in 1950, and it was so nice to reunite with him at Cuccia's summer golf tournaments over these last several years. It was a tragic and unexpected loss!"

Patrick Edward Hannigan '57

By **Ted Schmidt '57**

(printed in *The Globe and Mail*)

Pat was probably the toughest man I ever knew, with the dignity and character to match. Hewn out of steely granite, he was one of nine children of a hard rock gold miner and a formidable mother. Pat was born on March 5, 1936 in Schumacher, Ontario. He came south to Toronto to play for the St. Michael's Majors in 1954. After a banner season in his last year of junior hockey, Pat refused to sign the standard agreement giving a team control over a player's future. Toronto Maple Leafs owner Conn Smythe was so furious that he flew Pat's dad down from Timmins to demand he tell his "idiot son" to sign the form. Pat's father assured Mr. Smythe that he did not raise any idiot sons.

Pat went on to play professional hockey for 15 years, crisscrossing North America with stops in Winnipeg; Rochester, N.Y.; New Westminster, B.C.; New York; Baltimore; Portland, Ore.; Buffalo; Philadelphia; Vancouver; and Phoenix. For several years, Pat provided colour commentary for the NHL's Buffalo Sabres while co-ordinating phone services for businesses in the Niagara area. Pat and his wife, Lynn, settled in Fort Erie in 1964 and raised three children, Ted, Carey and Bill.



Left: Pat Hannigan. Right: Pat Hannigan with Ted Schmidt.

In 1967, Pat's older brother **Gord '48**, who had preceded him in the NHL, died at age 37. Gord had given Pat the best advice he had ever received: "If you are going to play pro hockey, start to read and stay out of the pubs." Gord's death deepened Pat's faith and added gravitas to his fun-loving character.

In 1985, Pat had a life-changing experience while seeing the poverty in Nicaragua on a trip with the Catholic development organization, Development and Peace.

Five years later, Pat, Lynn and a group of Niagara-area Christians opened Casa El Norte, a refugee house in Fort Erie. Years later, Matthew House was added. Pat's life blossomed as he welcomed refugees from around the world, forged friendships and scrounged for anything that was needed.

Pat's health began to deteriorate; he underwent dialysis treatments, then open-heart surgery. Yet he never missed our annual high-school reunions, insisting on wearing his 1955 St. Michael's Majors jacket.

After 40, a man must own his own face, an Irish aphorism says. Anyone who met Pat was struck by his comfort in his own skin. He was secure in the love of his spouse, kids and grandkids and bolstered by an unyielding faith rooted in service to those on the margins.

On December 11, 2007, Pat quietly passed away at the age of 71, surrounded by Lynn, Ted, Carey and Bill, totally at peace with the God who had long sustained him.

Fr. David Belyea, C.S.B., Teacher, Priest and Friend, died peacefully in his sleep at Anglin House, Cardinal Flahiff Centre on February 22, 2008. He was born in Moncton, New Brunswick on August 14, 1927, and was the son of the late Vincent and Kathleen (nee Connolly) Belyea. He entered St. Basil's Novitiate, Richmond Hill, Ontario in 1946. In 1949, following two years of study at the University of St. Michael's College, he graduated with a B.A. He spent a year teaching at Catholic Central High School, Detroit and then at St. Michael's College School. Theological studies followed at St. Basil's Seminary and on June 29, 1953, he was ordained to the priesthood

by Cardinal James McGuigan.

After obtaining his M.A. degree in Philosophy in 1954, he taught at St. John Fisher College, Rochester and then at the University of St. Michael's College. From 1957-59 Fr. Belyea studied at the Angelicum in Rome where he was awarded a Doctorate in Sacred Theology. From 1959-86 he taught Theology to undergraduates at the University of St. Michael's College where he was greatly esteemed and admired by his students.

One such student and long time friend was Mike Lavelle '54, who gave the eulogy at the Vigil Service on Monday, February 25 at the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre Chapel. Mike proceeded to go through those familiar books that Fr. Dave so loved and whose message he passed on to his students: Pigeon Feathers, The Little Prince, Franny and Zooey, The Fall, Viper's Tangle, The Four Quartets and Catcher in the Rye, were but a few. Mike recalls in 1959 Fr. Dave gave a talk at Carr Hall on Freedom and the Law. He told his audience that "we were required to live above the law and to live in love. It is in the exercise of love that man knows God and shares His life." Mike goes on to say, "He was such an inspiring teacher; I was determined to get to know him and start learning something. From that moment, not having a father, I decided Fr. Dave was it. He then became a part of my family and a grandfather to my children-they were as lucky as I was to have him in our lives." Fr. Dave was such a strong force in education. He challenged his students to read, to live better lives, to learn from the poets. He loved his students and if they were interested, he was interested. He would spend a lifetime with them as he did with so many. Mike went on to say that in the 50 years that he has known Fr. Dave, "I never heard him pass judgment on anyone. He had that great capacity to forgive and understand that life was difficult for everyone." Above all, Fr. Dave loved his Basilian community and the impact they had on countless people. What a legacy he has left for all of us. He was a remarkable, teacher, priest and friend.

Fr. Belyea is predeceased by his parents and four brothers, Daniel, Paul, Joseph and William.



Fr. David Belyea, C.S.B.

Thomas Anthony Donaghy '84, died peacefully at home on April 23, 2008, at the age of 43. Tom will be dearly missed by his loving wife, Siobhan, and by his treasured children, Liam and Hannah. Much-loved son of Maureen and the late Michael Donaghy, and steadfast brother of Greg '80 (Mary), Mary, and Fionnuala (Philippe). Loving son-in-law of Patrick and Bridget Murphy and brother-in-law of Elaine (Dave). He will be mourned by the many friends he made in his parish, at St. Michael's College School, and in the University of Toronto's Faculties of Forestry and Law, as well as by his supportive and loyal colleagues at the Attorney General's office. A dedicated husband and father, Tom was also a passionate outdoorsman, a talented musician, a tireless gardener, and a highly-respected Crown Attorney.

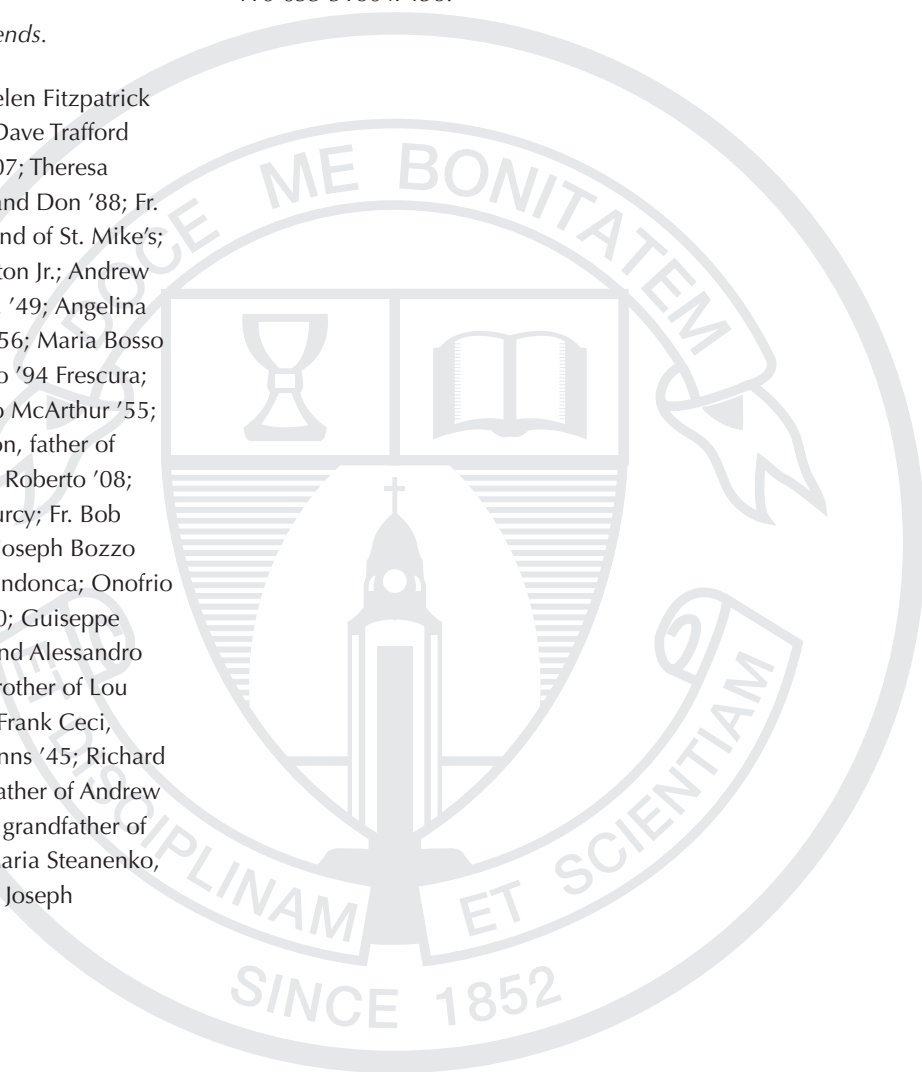
Please also remember classmates and friends.

Michael Stanton Fitzpatrick and Mary Helen Fitzpatrick parents of Mike '82, Tim '84, in-laws of Dave Trafford '79 and grandparents of David Trafford '07; Theresa Reynolds, mother of Chris '79, Tom '81 and Don '88; Fr. Richard Sheehan, C.S.B.; John Arpin, friend of St. Mike's; Milt Dunnell, father of Mike '61 and Milton Jr.; Andrew Iredale brother of Fr. Chris Iredale, C.S.B. '49; Angelina Leonardelli, mother of Livio Leonardilli '56; Maria Bosso Sassu, grandmother of Alex '92 and Paolo '94 Frescura; Julie Elizabeth McArthur, daughter of Leo McArthur '55; Judge Jack McCart '42; Ottorino Pietrobon, father of Tiziano Pietrobon '80 and grandfather of Roberto '08; John McGrady, father of Margaret DeCourcy; Fr. Bob Chisholm; Joseph Bozzo, grandfather of Joseph Bozzo '09; Norberto Franco, father of Marie Mendonca; Onofrio Frasca, father of Joseph '08 and Julian '10; Guiseppe Amormino, grandfather of Michael '01 and Alessandro '07 Francella; Primo John Pennachetti, brother of Lou Pennachetti '56; Alfred De Manche '39; Frank Ceci, grandfather of Michael Ceci '05; Tom Benns '45; Richard Anderson '43; Antonio Sapanaro, grandfather of Andrew and Daniel '06 Simonetti; Pio Simonetti, grandfather of Andrew '11 and Daniel '06 Simonetti; Maria Steanenko, mother of Jaraslav Steanenko '90; Patrick Joseph

O'Malley brother of Mary Duff, brother-in-law of Les Duff '54; Essie Swallow, grandmother of Eli Kim-Swallow '08; Rivlyn Manning, father of Rivlyn J. Manning '83; Annina Oliverio, grandmother of Stefano Oliverio '10.

May these and all the faithful departed graduates and friends of St. Michael's College School rest in peace.

The St. Michael's community is saddened by the passing of all alumni and friends. We strive to publish all death notices as soon as we receive them and make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our obituaries. Please help us keep your loved ones in the school's prayers by sending information to the Office of Advancement at advancement@smcsmail.com or phone 416-653-3180 x 458.



Where Are They Now?

1950's

Noël Price '55, is to be congratulated on his induction to the American Hockey League Hall of Fame. Noël, a native of Brockville, Ontario grew up in Coniston, Ontario where he played his entire minor hockey. At the age of 15 while playing for the Falconbridge Flyers Jr. A team which played in an Intermediate League, he was scouted by the Toronto Maple Leafs and received a four year scholarship to St. Michael's College School. He played 243 games for St. Michael's Majors from 1952-56. In the AHL, he played for Rochester Americans, Springfield Indians, Baltimore Clippers, Quebec Aces, and the Nova Scotia Voyageurs. As a solid defenseman, he played 511 games for seven teams: Toronto, New York Rangers, Detroit, Montreal, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and Atlanta Flames. He was on the 1965-66 Montreal Stanley Cup team. He was the only one to be awarded the Eddie Shore Plaque three times as best defenseman in the league. He has been inducted into the Springfield Hockey Hall of Fame, the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame, the Brockville Sports Hall of Fame, the American Hockey League Hall of Fame in 2008 and the Sudbury House of Kin Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. Noël is a member of the N.H.L. Alumni and the Ottawa Senators Alumni. He is retired, living in Kanata with his wife Joann. He has a daughter, Christine and a grandson, Joel. Noël attends Ottawa Chapter meetings and plays in Gene Cuccia's annual golf tournament.

Francis Patrick Burns '57, relates that he occasionally teaches after 30 years in the classroom. He is now living a charmed life as an art consultant, financial advisor and a student of Christian thought.

Joe Grogan '58, writes that since leaving St. Mike's he has spent seven years in the insurance business, taught at Shaw's Business School, the Toronto Board of Education and finally spent 34 years teaching at Humber College. He earned a Masters degree from OISE/U of T and a Labour Studies Certificate from George Brown College. He and his wife, Shelagh have three daughters and seven grandchildren. For over 25 years he has been involved in human rights in Cuba, Nicaragua, El Salvador, South Africa and the Philippines. Retired and living in Bolton, he continues his solidarity work as a volunteer in Cuba, a country he has visited 40 times. He can say with all seriousness that, "The lessons learned at St. Mike's have

helped me survive and live a responsible life. For me, the motto of teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge has been more than just words."

1960's

Mike Duggan '61, writes that since 1973 and on the last Friday of each month 'poker night in Canada' is played out at one of many venues. Money is not important but camaraderie, joking, quibbling are a must. Around the table are the likes of **Larry Grozelle '59**, **Fred Pelzl '58** and **Jay Hook '55**. A glass is raised to those sadly missed: **Bill Laplante '58** and **Paul Duggan '40**. At the year's end they take their wives out to dinner. Coincidentally, they all married Holy Name of Mary grads: Theresa Grozelle (Sherwin), Ann Laplante (Lobraico) whose brothers, **Jack '42** and **Don '50** attended the Bay St. school, Pat Spalla (McCubbin), and Marion Duggan (Peters). Larry's grandson **Stefan '08** is at St. Mike's. The stakes are limited but the fun is limitless.

John Walsh '67, sends the following update on his brothers. While John says, "I wasn't the greatest student. I really enjoyed my time spent at St. Mike's and learned much from my teachers and fellow students. I credit the school for my sense of social justice and appreciation for good parties." Presently living in the Yukon, John has also lived in Labrador, Quebec, Manitoba, British Columbia and Nunavut. John relates that his deceased father, John, attended Assumption High School in Windsor prior to WWII. **Bernard Walsh '72**, "I really didn't want to go to St. Mike's, yet it was a stepping stone along the way. I have vivid memories of walking the halls, meeting teachers, making friends, reading the occasional book and playing poker on Friday nights. Since those days I have continued to cultivate an interest in people's life stories." Bern is living in Quebec City chauffeuring his two teenage daughters to their water polo classes and teaching ESL. **Tom Walsh '75** commutes between Jakarta, Indonesia and the University of Guelph where he is completing his PhD. He is married with one child. He recalls the happy times when his parents would host a graduation party and the teachers would come. He also remembers the great literature: Orwell, Dostoevsky, Hemingway, Steinbeck, Shakespeare and Salinger that "percolated down." **Dave Walsh '69**, **Pat Walsh '67** and **Herb Walsh '68** have yet to write their biographies.

1970's

George Sadler '73, moved to Vancouver on the same plane as Tiger Williams (I was not part of the trade). As a Sales and Marketing consultant, "I have lived here ever since except for a three year stint in San Francisco. I carry the double blue flag proudly and loudly around Vancouver much to the chagrin of many of my friends. I invite any old SMC boys to give me a call when you are out this way." (geosadler@hotmail.com)

David Seljak '77, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, St. Jerome's University writes that his former boss and colleague was (Dr.) Michael Higgins, a former St. Michael's College School teacher, now President of St. Thomas University in New Brunswick. David recalls his debating days at St. Mike's and keeps in touch with fellow classmates: **Gary Macleod**, **Andy Jones**, **Vince Marchand** and **Mark Cheley** all of whom celebrated their 30th graduation year at the Turkey Roll in November.

Paul McCabe '75, one of three brothers to attend St. Mike's and after five pivotal years there, he traveled and studied in Colombia then went to Guelph University graduating with a B.Sc. in Agriculture. From there, he attended the University of Western Ontario for his M.B.A. He is now working in the biotech industry with Shire Human Genetic Therapies as Managing Director (Canada). Paul is involved with introducing new therapies for Canadians suffering from rare genetic disorders. He is married to Jane (Golding) and they have five children. He keeps in touch with **Tom Walsh '75**.

1980's

Steve McCabe '80, has been living in Ottawa for the last 18 years and is the Principal of St. Joseph's High School. He is married to Nancy Barrett and they have three children. The eldest, Peter, attends the University of St. Michael's College. Steve is also the proud uncle of **Tim Spencer '09** currently at St. Michael's College School.

Salvatore Tassone '83, informs us that after graduation from The University of St. Michael's College with a degree in Commerce, he is now a business consultant representing *Tassone Group Inc.* He is currently enrolled in the theology-law based program at The University of St. Michael's College.

John Frezell '83, lives in Kitchener with his wife, Irene and daughters, Gillian and Allison. His recent 25 year reunion brought back fond memories of **Fr. Rocco Volpe, C.S.B. '48** who picked him up after hockey practice. "It was snowing and he asked me if I wanted a ride. He drove me home, not exactly on his way. That was 27 years ago. You always remember acts of kindness." John is the Vice President/Sales Representative of Colliers International, Southwestern Ontario.

John McKay '83, writes of his pleasure in returning for his 25th reunion and marveled at the changes in the school. He extends special thanks to **Chris Bingham '83** who was "a standout and instrumental in managing to pull so many of the guys together for a pre-Turkey Roll bash as well as getting class members to attend. Just a shame, he's so quiet and shy." John is living the good life in Vancouver's sun-drenched west coast and occasionally gets to Toronto for family trips to the cottage. His twin brother, **Kevin '83** keeps him informed. John arrived in Vancouver in 1983 with **Pete Douglas '83** and **Jim Ross '83** where John was enrolled at the University of British Columbia. Eventually, John and Jim couldn't help but make it their home. Jim has been working for the Bank of Montreal for 25 years. Pete is **Fr. Neil Hibberd's, C.S.B. '57** nephew and is a teacher in Midland. John is married to Kristina and has two daughters "who left me off the hook from expensive hockey equipment, but it now seems ponies and riding are just as expensive!" John runs his own group of companies involved in all facets of real estate. **Kevin McKay '83** married Martha Brooks of the 11 Brooks' brothers and cousins as highlighted in Vol. 2 Spring edition. They have two daughters and a son, Michael, who is getting close to St. Mike's age. The St. Mike's connection continues. **Dave Scandiffio '89** married Kevin and John's sister, Susan. June Scandiffio, Dave's mother, taught at St. Mike's. Jim Ross is the brother of **Mark '88** and **Mike '86** who is teaching at St. Mike's.

Marc Mercier '84, writes of his positive memories of St. Mike's from 1979-82 when he had to leave and move with his family. While there, "I was exposed to a first rate education learning the importance of a strong work ethic while developing my academic and leadership skills in the classroom and in athletics. I can truly say that much of what I am today has come out of the motto, teach

me goodness, discipline and knowledge.” Marc lives in Toronto and, besides being a senior law partner at Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, he is the Vice President of the Ontario Chapter of Boston University Alumni Association, and an adjunct member of the Osgoode Hall Law School. In 2007, Marc became co-owner and a Governor of the Cobourg Cougars Jr. A club and nostalgically returns to St. Mike’s arena to watch his Cougars get beaten by the St. Mike’s Buzzers. “It was there that I met **Mike McCarron ’79** who continues to be a source of encouragement for me in my new adventure.” In his spare time, he writes and speaks on financing law issues and is involved in the Cobourg community where he owns a farm. Marc is married to Shelly Kierstead, a Professor at Osgoode Law School. They have two children. Marc looks forward to being reconnected with his 1984 classmates and reminds us “if you need a goalie, I still don the pads.”

Matthew Collins ’86, still gets a ‘twinge’ when he hears the number 214 and remembers just barely getting through chemistry. However, he did go on to Queen’s University and graduated with a B.Sc. degree and later M.Sc. in Ecology. After some travel, he pursued his childhood dream and graduated from flight school at Canadore College, North Bay. As a commercial helicopter pilot with 5,000 hours, he has flown in Tasmania, Australia, and from the Arctic to Florida. In the summer he fights forest fires and in the winter he flies HeliSkiing. Recently, he combined his work as a biologist with that of a pilot and does Mountain Caribou Recovery in British Columbia. He married a geologist, a teacher at the University of Calgary, who he once flew from one site to another. His most recent adventure was dropping water from a Bell 205, a.k.a. ‘Huey’ helicopter, on burning homes in Malibu, California.

Robert Sabatini ’87, attended the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus and worked for two years before starting teachers college in Buffalo, New York where he illustrated two books on teaching strategies. Then, completing his specialist in Special Ed, he taught first in the elementary panel and moved on to Brebeuf College School. There, he pioneered a new program, ME/DD (Multiple Exceptionalities/Developmental Disabilities) dealing with students with multiple challenges, cognitive, physical, and behavioral disorders. Rob is married

with three children and keeps in touch with fellow grads, **Fabio Romano, Mark Berney, Roger Quinn, Dave McCormick, Martin Cook, Chris Loftus, Manny Campione, Rob Sedran ’78, Luke Wilson ’99** and **Mike Schmidt ’97**.

Dan Bortolotti ’88. After St. Mike’s, Dan studied English at the University of Waterloo and then began a career as a magazine writer and editor. He met his wife, Wendy, at Waterloo, and they have two children, Jaimie, and Erick and they live in Aurora, Ontario. For the last six years, he has been working as a freelancer and has published seven books and many magazine features. *Hope in Hell*, a profile of the humanitarian aid group Médecins Sans Frontières, took him to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Angola to visit medical teams in the field. He also visited Sri Lanka several months after the tsunami to write a feature for *Chatelaine* about how people were coping in the aftermath. His most recent book, *Wild Blue*, is a natural history of the blue whale. “This one took me to Quebec and California to ride along with scientists who study these whales, the world’s largest animals.” The book will be released in Canada and the U.S. in October. If interested, visit his website, www.danbortolotti.com. Dan still keeps in touch with several friends from the class of ’88, including **Mike Keaveney** (also in Aurora), **Neil McGivney, Gabe Chang** and **Marc Xuereb**. His son plays hockey for the Aurora Tigers, and the team just won the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship thanks to the coaching talent of **Jamie Wansbrough ’82**. The team also includes the son of **Dan Duffy ’78**.

1990’s

Michael Buongiorno ’96 is a Disability Claims Analyst at RBC Insurance.

Peter Higgins ’99. Since his graduation from Film Studies at Queen’s University, Peter has pursued film and theatre projects in Toronto, working with both the *Toronto International Film Festival* and forming the highly successful *Queen’s Players Toronto*. He is involved in production, event management, videography, editing, carpentry and design. It all started when he joined the St. Michael’s College School stage crew in grade 11 and “immediately caught the theatre bug.” He pursued his studies at Queen’s University and was involved in

16 theatre productions. Upon graduation in 2003, he worked at the *Thousand Island Playhouse* and *Play Film* in Toronto. He's very proud of the success of *Evil Dead The Musical*, an instant hit in Toronto, Montreal and New York. Peter designed and built most of the sets along with many of the special effects. He also owns *Queen's Players Toronto*, a small theatre company which raises money for charity and has donated \$40,000 after five productions. "And to think it all started on the SMCS stage," he said. He married Amy Hopkins, a Queen's University graduate, and the ceremony was officiated by his great uncle, **Fr. Brian Higgins, C.S.B. '45**.

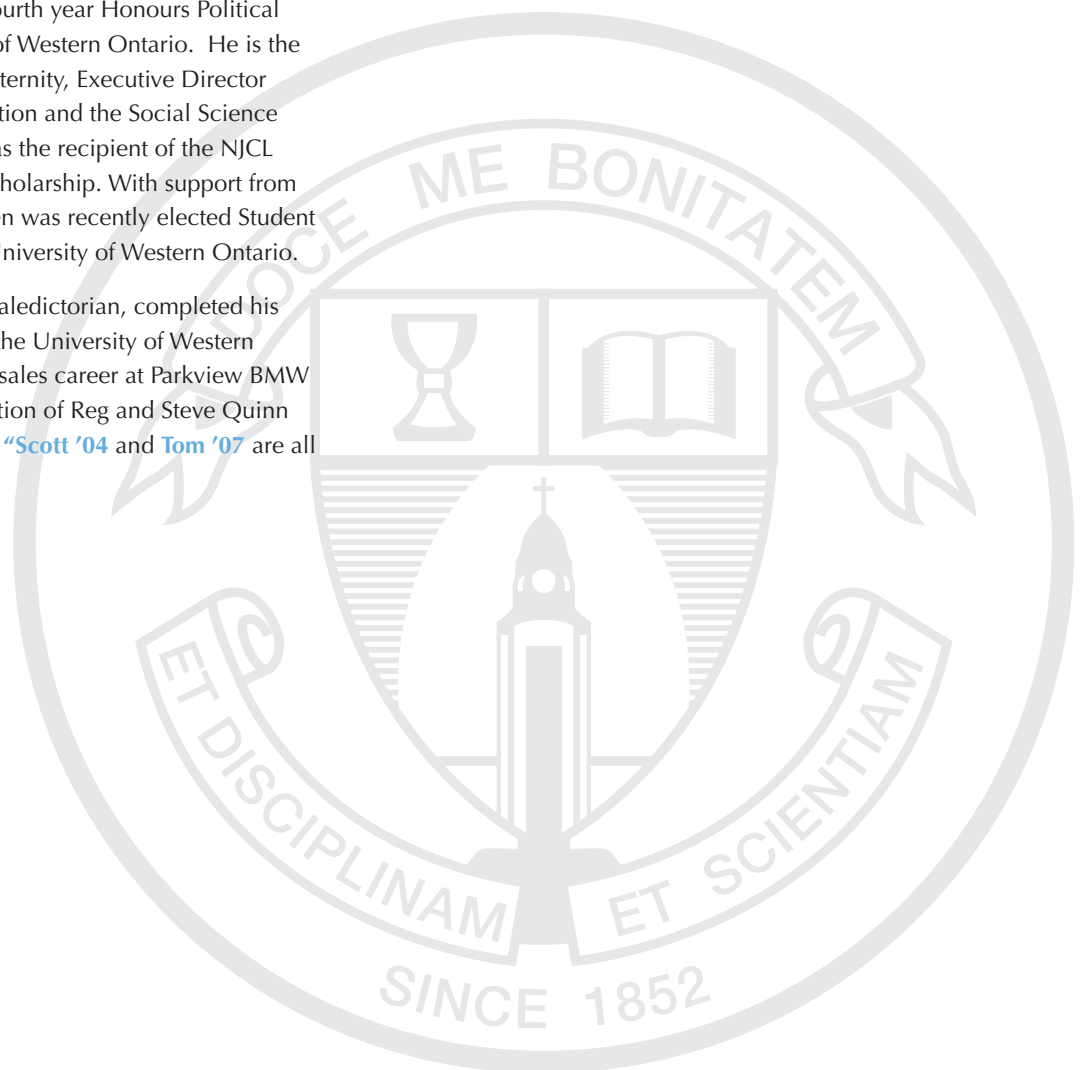
Ian Meagher '07, is a first year student at the University of Western Ontario and plays on the Western Mustangs Soccer Team that won the Silver Medal at the Provincial Championships and a Bronze at the Nationals.

Brandon Sousa '07, is a first year student in Media, Information and Technology at the University of Western Ontario. He was Co-Commissioner of Frosh Week, an active member of the UWO Tories and spent his summer working for Norm Kelly, Executive Councillor at City Hall, Toronto.

2000's

Stephen Lecce '04, is in fourth year Honours Political Science at the University of Western Ontario. He is the President of Sigma Chi Fraternity, Executive Director of Burgundy Brick Foundation and the Social Science Orientation Leader. He was the recipient of the NJCL Israel-Palestine Conflict Scholarship. With support from across the campus, Stephen was recently elected Student Council President of the University of Western Ontario.

Mark McIsaac '04, class valedictorian, completed his BA in Political Science at the University of Western Ontario, and has begun a sales career at Parkview BMW in Toronto under the direction of Reg and Steve Quinn whose three sons, **Pat '02**, **Scott '04** and **Tom '07** are all St. Mike's grads.



Around St. Mike's

A number of our graduates and sport teams have been making the news this past year. Here are a few highlights. Special thanks to Peter Fillman, SMC hockey archivist

Congratulations to [Matt Halischuk '06](#) who scored the winning overtime goal to give Team Canada the gold medal in the World Junior Championships that took place in the Czech Republic. During the 2004-05 season Matt played a total of forty-seven regular season and playoff games for the Buzzers and helped lead them to the Provincial Finals. He also played one and a half seasons for the Majors before being traded to Kitchener. He was New Jersey's 4th pick in the 2007 NHL Draft.

Majors Team Up in Pink to Fight Breast Cancer

February 3rd saw the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors wearing pink to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research. The place was the Mississauga Hershey Centre where the Majors hosted the Guelph Storm. The evening netted \$7,500 matched by club owner [Eugene Melnyk '77](#). Terry Hobor, a thirteen year OHL veteran and now referee who lost his wife to breast cancer, donated his ref fee. St. Mike's 4 - Guelph 2.

Majors Honour Jim Gregory '55

On Sunday, February 3rd, 2008, [Jim Gregory '55](#) was joined by his family and friends in celebrating his induction to the Hockey Hall of Fame. The event took place at the Mississauga Hershey Centre. The morning began with Mass followed by a luncheon and in the afternoon, Jim dropped the puck at the Majors game. During the first intermission, he was interviewed on Rogers Cable TV where he unveiled his picture for the Hockey Hall of Fame Wall at the St. Michael's College School arena. Jim is the 14th St. Michael's alumnus in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

St. Michael's Buzzers Win 2008 Scholarships

Congratulations to [Brendan Burlon '08](#), University of Michigan; [Luke Oakley '08](#), Clarkson University; [Fred Cassiani '08](#), Lake Superior State University .

St. Mike's Senior Double Blues Take Home OFSSA Silver

The team was seeded 11th going into the Ottawa 20 team tournament and defeated the number one Dunbarton team in their first game. They went on to win the next five games and lost in the final game 4-2 to second rank Dennis Morris High School team from St. Catharines. This is the second time in three years that St. Mike's have captured a silver medal at OFSAA. Congratulations to the team and coaches, Giancarlo Mazzanti and Dan Nicholson.

From Student, to Buzzer, to General Manager

Congratulations to [Mike Gillis '75](#) and former Buzzer who has been appointed General Manager of the Vancouver Canucks. After SMCS he played Junior hockey in Kingston. He was Colorado Rockies' 1st pick and 5th overall in the 1978 NHL Draft. He played 246 games for Colorado and Boston and retired in 1984. He obtained his law degree and for the past several years has been a NHL Player Agent and lives in Kingston, Ontario. He now lives in Vancouver. His brother [Paul '80](#) also played for the Buzzers and went on to play in the NHL for 11 years.

Kerry Blues Star Drafted

Congratulations to [Richard Zulys '03](#) who was a captain and *Toronto Star* all star with the 2002 Metro Bowl champion Kerry Blues football team. He played OT and DT and received a scholarship to Division 1, Central Florida but chose to play at the University of Western Ontario. Richard was drafted by the Toronto Argonauts.

In His Brother's Grid Path

For running back [Eddie Houghton '08](#), the football season couldn't have finished any better. The skilled 17-year old scored 19 touchdowns, rushed for almost 1,700 yards and helped his team win a second consecutive senior Metro Bowl championship. He was presented with the Toronto Star trophy for being named MVP at the 26th Metro Bowl. [Charlie Houghton '06](#), Eddie's brother, who won the same award in 2004, is playing football on a scholarship at Georgetown University.

The Complete History of St. Michael's Hockey Coming This Fall!

By Larry Colle '69

There has always been something magical about St. Michael's College School hockey and that has been the approach I have taken about an upcoming book I have been working on with two colleagues for over two years. The book, *St. Michael's College: 100 Years of Pucks and Prayers* will be published in September 2008 by Fenn Publishing.

As a graduate of the high school and the University of St. Michael's College, I never forgot that special feeling going to Buzzers games and those memories of Sunday night games in the 1980's against the Henry Carr Crusaders, and the post-game hot stove sessions at the nearby Mr. Donut. Working with me has been the prolific hockey writer, historian, Kevin Shea who has written among other works books about Bill Barilko, Ron Ellis and Lord Stanley, who donated the Cup that bears his name. The third member of our sport triumvirate is Paul Patskou one of Canada's top hockey researchers and fact checker par excellence who has worked on *The Rocket*, that splendid Richard movie and *Searching for Bobby Orr* by Stephen Brunt. Paul has recovered, preserved and restored many of the hockey films that for years were thought to be lost forever.

The book, filled with anecdotes and done in a chronological fashion, features many Majors and Buzzers founders and stars from the early days including Fathers Henry Carr, C.S.B. and [Jack Spratt 1911](#), to [Mike '57](#) and [Dave '60 Draper](#) and other St. Mike's hockey playing families. We have covered many of the modern players such as [Peter Budaj '02](#) and [Andrew Cogliano '05](#) and St. Mike's hockey royalty like [Frank Mahovlich '57](#), [Red Kelly '46](#) and [Dick Duff '55](#). The Basilian influence including great players like [Fr. Hugh Foley, C.S.B. '42](#) will also be included plus those of St. Mike's opponents. The book is based on over 60 interviews and will be packed with statistics and rare photos which we hope will be a fitting tribute to a great school with its wondrous hockey history.

Thomas Campbell ('04) Memorial Cup

After a one year hiatus, this action packed 4 on 4 soccer tournament returns to the St. Michael's College School field on Sunday, August 24th, 2008. In 2006, a dedicated group of former classmates, friends and family of Tom's came together to celebrate his life and raise money for the foundation which bears his name. The *Thomas Henry Campbell Foundation* works to promote mental health awareness. Please visit www.thomascampbellfoundation.ca for more information.

Details regarding the tournament will soon be available on the St. Michael's website. For additional information, please contact [Massimo De Simone '04](#) or [Vince Formusa '04](#) at tomcampbellcup@gmail.com.

Investing in the Future

By Ryan Muir

We have all heard the advice “prepare for your exams”, “prepare for your presentation” and “prepare for your interview”. As much as “preparing” may be cumbersome it is also necessary in preparing for the future which is not entirely unknown. We know one thing and that is the future will be comprised of our children, the most important gifts in the world. It makes sense then, that we ensure that they receive proper care and nourishment.

From May 12th to May 20th, St. Michael's College School, in support of The Hospital for Sick Children, raised \$2,650.00 through the sale of tickets for an iPod Touch donated by Fr. Joseph Redican.

As a volunteer at the Hospital for Sick Children on the Oncology and General Pediatric floors, I have worked with many children and have witnessed their strength and endurance. In spite of everything, they still are able to smile and laugh. This has given me a new outlook on life. It is through giving that I have received much. The gift of \$2,650.00 extends beyond the benefits it will bring to ailing children. It is an investment in their future.

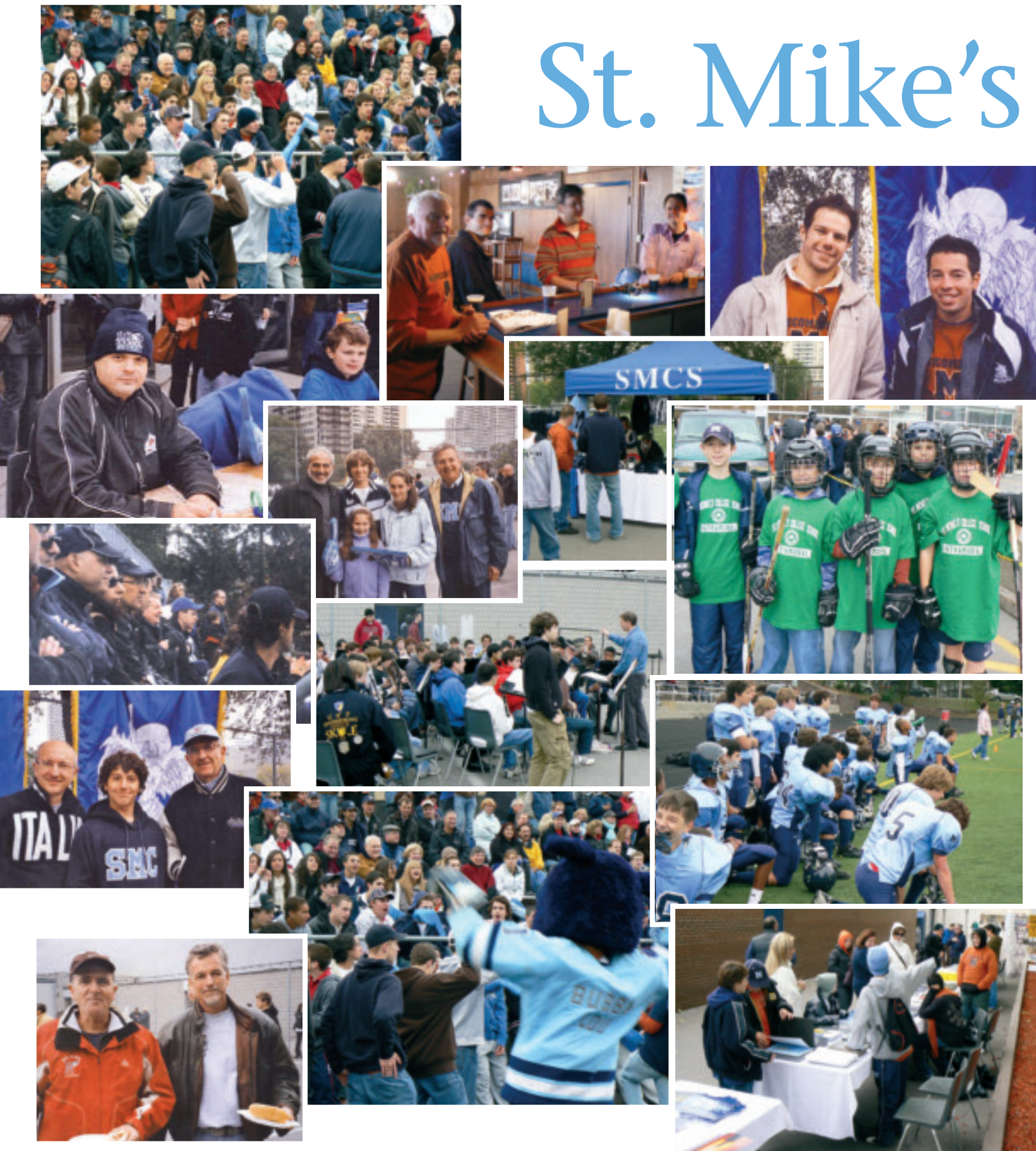
“For it is in giving that we receive.”

(St. Francis of Assisi)

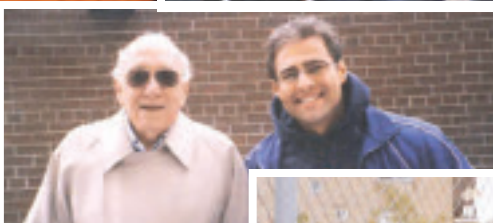


Ryan Muir '08 presents a cheque to Jade De Ciccio of the Hospital for Sick Children.

St. Mike's



Homecoming



Alumni Chapters

It has long been the Alumni Association's intent to establish Alumni Chapters. We realize that many grads do meet and associate with one another through work and play. We would like to be informed of your gatherings so that others may be brought together to share their time at St. Michael's with you. We are looking for grads to organize alumni chapters in your region. If you would like to be a contact, call Stephanie Gough at 416-653-3180 x 273 or e-mail gough@smcsmail.com

Toronto

Class of 2003 [Michael Levine](#), michael.levine@live.ca and [Sean Kavanaugh](#), kavikaze@hotmail.com

Class of 1983, [Chris Bingham](#) who did a fantastic job in bringing together some 84 grads at the Turkey Roll can be reached at 416-424-4231 or accessoffice@sympatico.ca.

British Columbia

[Harold Moffatt '53](#), 21-11355 Cottonwood Drive, Maple Ridge, B.C. 9604-466-9229, e-mail halalbc@uniserve.com or [Paul Halligan '56](#), at 604-936-0031 or e-mail paulhalligan@shaw.ca.

Harold informs us that the first alumni meeting was held on May 1 in Port Coquitlam, B.C. Attending were Paul Ross '53, Paul Halligan '56, Kevin Shaughnessy '56 and Harold. "We had a great lunch and reminisced about our days at the school over 50 years ago." <insert picture> (left to right ID – Paul Halligan and Kevin Shaughnessy and seated left to right Paul Ross and Harold Moffatt.) The B.C. chapter has planned yet another get together for September.



Wiz Khayat '96

Ottawa

[John McCusker '57](#) writes from the nation's capital that the first official get together of the Ottawa Chapter took place on December 1, 2007 at a local restaurant. In attendance were [Ray Hoffman '52](#), [George White '57](#), [Frank Quinn '57](#), [John Smart '57](#), [Paul Madott '61](#), [Murray Costello '53](#), [Dan Cillis '57](#), [George Kokich '59](#), [Greg Kulas '55](#), and [Noel Price '55](#) recently elected into the American League Hockey Hall of Fame, [Paul Macciocchi '57](#), [Joe Dietrich '52](#), along with other are grads. [Paul Harris '49](#), [Paul Glynn '47](#), [Gord Jackson '57](#), [Steve McCabe '80](#), [Fred Miller '42](#) voiced their regrets but will be at the next gathering. Contact John at jmccusker@on.aibn.com or 613-825-9844

Dubai-United Arab Emirates

[Wiz Khayat '96](#), wkhayat.mba2005@ivey.ca Wiz sends a picture of what he does in his spare time. He keeps in touch with fellow grad, [Paul Geven '90](#) also a contact working in Dubai. p_j_greven@hotmail.com.

Niagara Peninsula

We welcome [Anthony Marentic '99](#) as the new Chapter Contact. After graduation and playing for the University of Toronto Varsity Blues, he entered the Real Estate business and is presently working for Royal LePage Niagara Real Estate Centre Inc. He can be reached at C- 905-650-7253 or 416-457-2146 anthonymarentic@hotmail.com. A special thanks to [Harry Flood '57](#) for laying the foundation to a very active Niagara Chapter.

Detroit, Michigan

[Joe Vernon '98](#) Vernon@millercanfield.com

From the Archives

This year, the St. Michael's community welcomed the arrival of our new archivist, Richard McQuade to succeed Fr. Kennedy, C.S.B. Richard is an alumnus of, Michael Power High School where he and Fr. Redican, C.S.B. became friends. He majored in history and political science at York University and again was with Fr. Redican on the founding staff of Fr. Henry Carr High School. He taught for 30 years with the T.C.D.S.B. and served as Head of the Canadian and World Studies Department at St. Mary's Catholic High School for almost 20 of them. Along the way he earned his M.A. in history and wrote a book about Canadian railway history. Upon retiring, he was approached by Fr. Redican to assume responsibility of the Archives. Richard has taken archival courses through Mohawk College and the Archives Association of Ontario. His enthusiasm about his role at St. Mike's shows when he says, "After spending years doing research in archives it's fascinating to be on the other side of the counter as the archivist. It's a privilege and a real pleasure to serve the St. Mike's community with its incredibly rich heritage."

The first time visitor to St. Mike's is immediately impressed by the celebration of history that is prominently displayed throughout the building and grounds. The brick archway from Clover Hill, the stained glass window over the Bathurst St. doorway, the war memorial and the period photos of people and events exhibited throughout the building and the arena, reinforce the richness of the heritage that underlies St. Michael's College School.

To ensure the preservation of documents and memorabilia and accessibility to them, **Fr. O'Brien, C.S.B. '40** was appointed school archivist in the early 1990's. He spearheaded the development of a school archive, a secure facility to house the growing collection of school memorabilia. The twenty-first century has created new demands on archival materials because of major anniversaries, notably the 150th anniversary of the school and the celebrations of 100 years of football and hockey.

Our archives date back to 1875 with students mark registers and yearbooks dating back to 1910. While much of the material comes from the school itself, staff, alumni and friends have also contributed.

For most small archives and especially those in independent schools, the mandate goes beyond documents and includes memorabilia like sports items, old uniforms, medals, etc. So dust off that old team sweater or jacket or any other memorabilia and send it to our archives! It's guaranteed to find a good home!

Changing technology has created new challenges in this regard because it often renders older technologies obsolete and inaccessible. So check your garages and basements for technological dinosaurs such as old movie projectors and computers that can play five inch floppy disks! We still need them, even if you don't!

Technological change also brings benefits and perhaps the most exciting consequence of that for the St. Mike's Archives is our initiative undertaken with the University of St. Michael's College and the Internet Archive. By the time you read this, all of our yearbooks from 1910 to 2007 and all of our Blue Banners should be available online through the Internet Archive. Each will be text searchable so you will be able delve into past yearbooks. The pilot of this project was unveiled at last fall's Turkey Roll and the web address will appear in a future Vision newsletter. We also have some pictures available online through: <http://hosting.phippsinc.com/smhomecoming07/> and hope to post more over time.

Great things are happening at the St. Michael's College School Archives. So if you are seeking a permanent home for your old St. Mike's memorabilia or you are searching for information from the past, contact the archives by e-mail at: mcquade@smcsmail.com or by phone at: 416-653-3180 Ext. 457.



Darryl Boyce '03

Yes, “who would have thought” were the first words [Dominic Moore '99](#) said as [Mike De Pellegrin '94](#), Director of Communications, and I sat down in the Leaf's Lakeshore Lions Arena dressing room on February 20, 2008 for an interview with him, [Darryl Boyce '03](#) and [Bobby Hastings '99](#).

Darryl who played five years with the Majors and now called up with the Leafs, along with Bobby Hastings, equipment manager, and “his best high school friend”, Dominic Moore, all have stories to tell. Moore, a native of Thornhill, following in the footsteps of his brothers [Steve '97](#) and [Mark '95](#), was the well respected captain of the Harvard Crimson hockey team. They played together in 1999-00, marking the first ever brother trio in Harvard history. He is currently ranked eleventh in all-time scoring at Harvard. When claimed off the waivers list by the Minnesota Wild, he said, “I never expected to be playing in Toronto. Growing up in Thornhill and watching the Blue and White on television for so long and now putting on that jersey, is a special thing.” When Moore arrived in San Jose, he was greeted by Leafs equipment manager, Bobby

Hastings. Bobby tells the story of sitting at breakfast in Los Angeles and receiving an e-mail from John Ferguson Jr. of “just picked up Dominic Moore on waivers and a big smile came across my face.” Dominic states that “Bobby has made me feel really comfortable in my new surroundings.” When asked how he got to the Leafs dressing room, Hastings recounted his lucky journey that started at St. Mike's.

In his first years at St. Mike's, Hastings was trying to find his niche until one day, when he was in grade 11, he heard Mr. Fifield say to a student that tryouts start for

Who would have St. Mike's Unite

Senior Hockey next week, so be there to help us out. That caught Bobby's attention and when he asked Mr. Fifield if he needed more help, he invited him out as well. “I liked it and remained as equipment manager until the end of my OAC year, and thought it was all over. Then, I heard the Buzzers were coming back, and I felt I could help them out for a year.” Later, a job opened with the Majors and Hastings thought, why not - just for a year. They played five games at the Air Canada Centre and there he got to meet the Leafs trainers. Again, a job opened and he applied for it and all of a sudden, “in 2001 at the age of 20, I signed my first N.H.L. contract with Pat Quinn and Bill Waters. All along, I just happened to be in the right place at the right time,” he recalls. “They were good to me and I worked my way up quickly.” Dominic interjects and says, “Bobby's the Mayor around here; he's well liked by staff and players.”

Darryl Boyce's story begins in Summerside, Prince Edward Island where he was given the opportunity to play in either the Quebec Major League or the Ontario Hockey League. He chose the latter and was picked up by St. Michael's Majors whose head coach at the time was

fellow Islander, Dave Cameron. He stayed with the Majors for four years and then attended the University of New Brunswick where he played for two years followed by a year with the Marlborough organization. The Leafs called him up in 2007-08 season. On the plane ride to New Jersey coincidence would have it that Dominic Moore was his seat partner, and they spent the trip recalling their time at St. Mike's. "Everyone knows when you walk into the St. Mike's arena, the first thing you see is the Hockey Wall of Fame, and I remember seeing the Moore brothers." Like Hastings and Moore, Darryl, learned life skills as a student at St. Mike's where many of his team attended.



Dominic Moore '99

thought Graduates in Leaf Uniforms



"They taught us logic, self respect and balance. It might sound corny, but it was like family," he says. He too gives credit to his parents in giving him confidence and a good attitude. Nor can he forget the influence of his Marlie coach, Greg Gilbert, who from the first day, "gave me the opportunity to make or be cut from the team." He recalls with fondness Sister Francis, Charlie Lewis and [Frank Trentadue '84](#) as teachers who gave him direction and solid advice. Darryl plans to finish university this summer.

Yes, who would have thought that we too would get the opportunity to attend a Leafs practice let alone to gain entry to their dressing room and interview three alumnus, who would have also thought how luck, perseverance and work ethic would bring them together.

All photos appearing in this article are courtesy of Graig Abel/Toronto Maple Leafs.

Bobby Hastings '99 behind the bench.

The Coach 'P' Golf Classic & Reunion

The Coach 'P' Golf Classic tournament and reunion was held on Monday, June 16th at Station Creek Golf Club. This year's tournament welcomed back the largest number of alumni in the history of the tournament. A total of 57 alumni and friends participated in support of St. Michael's and the Blue Raiders basketball program. Ryan Pajak, son of [Andy Pajak '71](#), finished with the lowest score of 72. Paul Forbes and [Don Organ '57](#) captured second place with scores of 83. Following golf, 75 alumni and friends attended a social hour and dinner back at the school, including 35 alumni who played basketball at St. Michael's in the 1950's.

Thank you to the many alumni who travelled great distances to support the tournament including [Greg Hook '80](#) (Barbados), [Arunas Sleky's '64](#) (Baltimore), [John Callaghan '58](#) and [Don Organ '57](#) (London, Ont.).

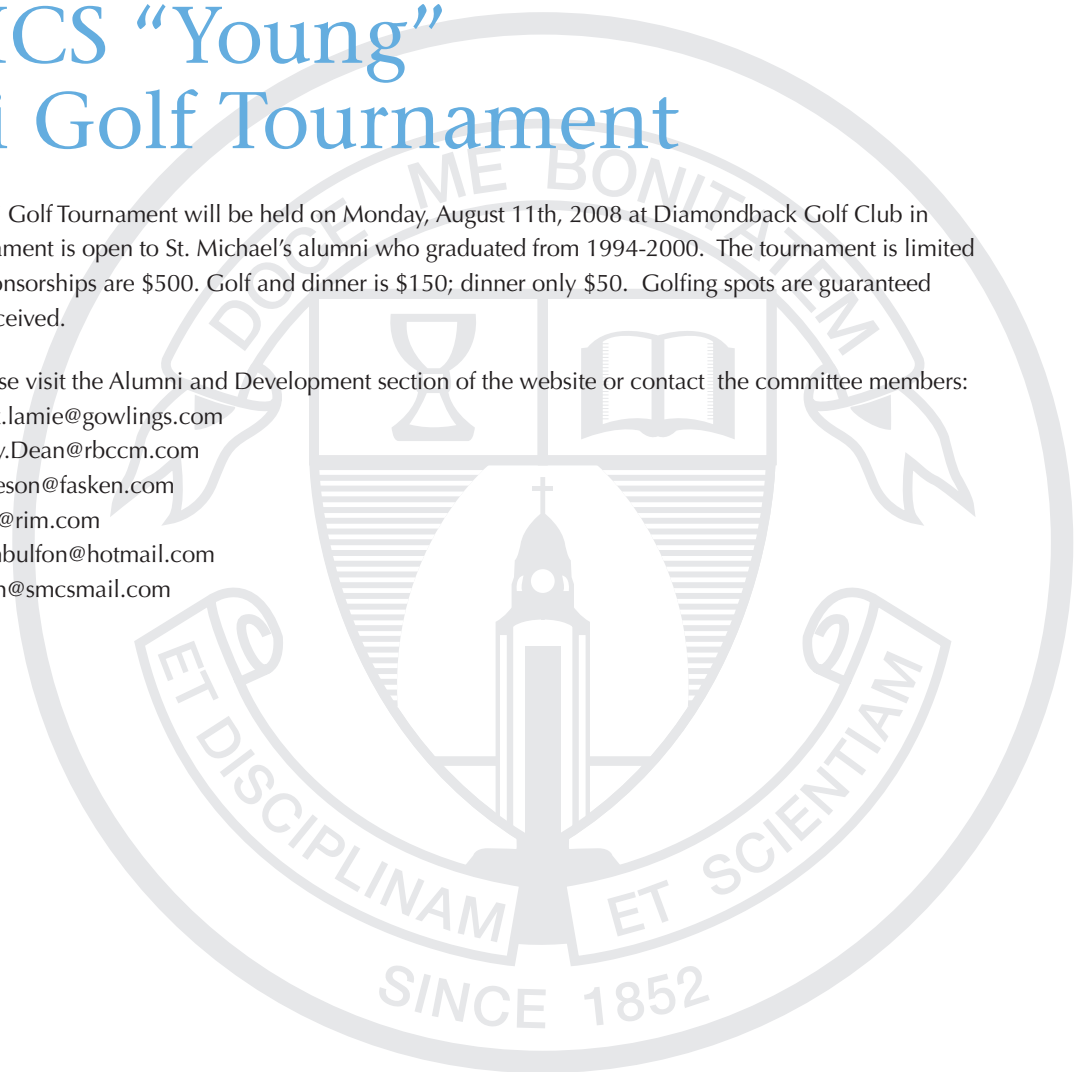
Thanks to everyone for supporting this year's event particularly [Ted Schmidt '57](#), [Mike Lavelle '55](#) and [Joe Younder '56](#). We hope to see everyone back again next year. The Coach 'P' Golf Classic is held annually on the third Monday in June.

The SMCS "Young" Alumni Golf Tournament

The SMCS "Young" Alumni Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, August 11th, 2008 at Diamondback Golf Club in Richmond Hill. The tournament is open to St. Michael's alumni who graduated from 1994-2000. The tournament is limited to 144 golfers and hole sponsorships are \$500. Golf and dinner is \$150; dinner only \$50. Golfing spots are guaranteed once payment has been received.

For more information, please visit the Alumni and Development section of the website or contact the committee members:

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How Old is Our St. Michael?

The recent request by the Royal Alberta Museum in Edmonton for our statue of St. Michael for its exhibit on dragons this summer has raised an intriguing question, just how old is our St. Michael? During the mid-1950s yearbooks usually featured a copy of the famous painting *The Archangel Michael* by Guido Reni from the early seventeenth century. The photo might have been from a copy of the painting on Clover Hill. Perhaps a reader can enlighten us as to whether this is so. In 1959 this was replaced with a photo of the statue of St. Michael which was located on a stand to the right of the altar in the chapel. Earlier photos of the chapel do not include the statue there although Fr. Zinger also remembers the statue being here, perhaps on the balcony of the gym when he arrived in 1957. He has suggested that the statue came from Tweedsmuir House, on the west side of Bathurst St. During the 1950s there were many statues in that building's basement where there had been a chapel and St. Michael may have been acquired during their disposal. For a time the statue was located in the school near the women's washroom. We also know that at one time St. Michael was painted blue but was re-painted in life-like colours during the 1970s, then re-painted white prior to being restored to the chapel following the major renovations of the 1990s.

So our question remains, just how old is our St. Michael? If you remember the statue from before 1957 or you know something about how it was acquired please send your response to: mcquade@smcsmail.com



We Need Alumni to Help Guide Our Future Leaders

By Romeo Milano '80

On a recent visit to the school I found myself in the office of Giancarlo Mazzanti, the school's Director of Guidance. He introduced me to the mentorship program available to the students.

The *St. Michael's Mentorship Program* is designed to connect existing students with graduates pursuing their post-secondary education, and with alumni presently in the work force. Students may e-mail anyone listed on the website in order to further explore educational opportunities and to get candid answers to important career related questions. Current alumni are urged to sign up to offer their resources to students thinking of a particular career. Your experiences will greatly benefit students.

Current university students are also urged to sign up. Students may have queries regarding the program you are currently enrolled in, or may have questions regarding your university. We need university student and professional representation from all disciplines. We have a particular need for graduates from 1995-05. Please visit the school's website and register.

Alumni are encouraged to complete a Prospective Mentor Information Sheet on the school's website at www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com which can be found under Academics – Guidance – Extended Learning - Mentorship Program.

CAST YOUR VOTE!

St. Michael's College School Alumni Association Elections

It is time to start the process to elect alumni to fulfill positions on the Alumni Executive. In August all alumni will be sent letters and e-mails outlining the nominations and election procedure.

The voting process will take place online in September. The current positions available are for two year terms which include: Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and five Councillor positions. The SMCS Alumni Association meets bi-monthly throughout the school year in

September, November, January, March, May and for an election meeting in June.

Meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and last no more than two hours. Executives and councillors are required to attend a minimum of three (3) board meetings per year. Any member of the SMCS Community is likewise welcome to attend as non-voting members.

For more information please contact
Stephanie Gough at gough@smcsmail.com.



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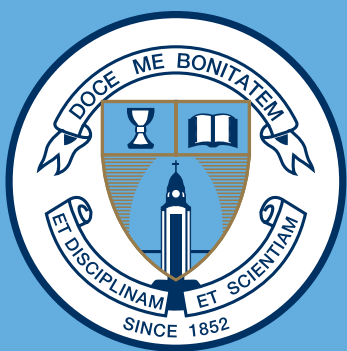
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